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German Rations At Highest Level Since Occupation

(AFPS) — Despite the Russian blockade of Berlin, Germans in the U. S.-Britain occupied zones are getting the highest food rations since the occupation began, the United States Military Government said in a recent announcement.

Increased crops, currency reform and aid from the European Recovery Program were the three factors listed as being chiefly responsible for the bettered conditions. The improved food situation for the 40,000,000 Germans in the area also has been responsible for increased coal production in the Ruhr, the Military Government reported.

Individual rations in the two zones during July jumped to 1,990 calories a day, the highest basic ration yet issued in post-war Germany. The daily ration for the "normal" worker amounted to 1,550 calories at the start of the year, but some classes of workers got substantially more than the 1,990 calories.

Raymond Ioanes, food and agriculture chief for the Military Government, said that "it is probably the best ration the Germans have had since early 1944, the last full year of the war." The current zonal ration, Mr. Ioanes said, was not only the highest in Germany, but he estimated it was 40 to 50 per cent higher than that issued to the 17,000,000 Germans in the Russian occupation zone.

"You can't feed a big Russian occupation army off the land, ship food out of the zone, and still feed the Germans as well," Mr. Ioanes commented.



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION
Brigadier General Dean F. Winn (right) congratulates Captain John M. Perry, MC, assistant resident in Orthopedics, on his promotion to that rank, after pinning his new bars on his shoulders. Captain Perry, who is from Oklahoma City, came to Letterman in July after overseas duty on Okinawa.

Commendations for Perfect Attendance

Eleven Letterman mess employees received letters of commendation last week from Major Thomas R. Jones, MSC, hospital mess administrator, for perfect attendance records. Two of the employees have such records for two years; the others for one year.

The two who had a two-year record of perfect attendance, which indicates no time off for sick leave or for late arrival, were Mary Ellen Anson, hospital fund bookkeeper, and William Niehoff, civilian supervisor of the female patients' mess. The other nine were: Odra Freeman, cook, Crissy Annex; Eula Davis, mess attendant, ward A-1; Oscar Evans, baker, general mess; Abrom Lassiter, cook, Crissy Annex; John Miller, baker, general mess; Claude Parrish, cook, general mess; Dalmacio Ricaforte, cook, nurses' mess; Johnnie Sneed, mess attendant, nurses' mess; Ruby Statan, mess attendant, ward A-1.

Newly-Remodeled LGH Main PX Now Open Again

Crowds of Lettermanites thronged the newly-remodeled Main PX Store here when it opened for business yesterday after a two-week shutdown. Redecorated and with an entirely new layout for the display of merchandise, the store presented a handsome appearance for the opening.

The fountain has been removed, allowing more display space, and departments have been relocated to divide customer traffic so that there will be less congestion. The tobacco and candy counters, which were formerly side by side, have been separated, and the tobacco counter is now at the front of the store near the door.

Sixty feet of new shelving have been added, and there is a special center display space for luggage and household appliances. George G. Elliott, general manager of the exchange, designed the showcases and the special center fixture, and is responsible for the decorative color scheme, which is based on one used at Bullock's in Pasadena.

The walls are in pastel yellow, the ceiling is Colonial green, and the display cases and shelves are bleached maple.

A special sale of costume jewelry and sterling silver tableware, at prices below exchange costs, is in progress as a feature of the reopening.

Personnel of the PX staff are: Mrs. Alice Thompson, manager; Jerry Ivory, assistant manager; John English, Audrey Mathis, Rose Miller, May Fewer, Bernice Dixon, Hazel McEllhatton, Mary Lou Marshall, Jean Schwab, Isabella Franks, Cline Beckham, Ruth Snyder and D. J. Moriarity.

Everyone is Entertained and Entertaining on Ward E-2

The "E" in the name of ward E-2 might well stand for "entertainment," both the kind that means headliners coming to entertain the patients and the kind the patients make for themselves. Although nearly everyone on the ward is a bed-patient, the men don't let their confinement to that narrow



WILLIAM B. LEWIS
Major, MC
Ward Officer

rea get their spirits down, and the ward has a high "good-fellowship" ating.

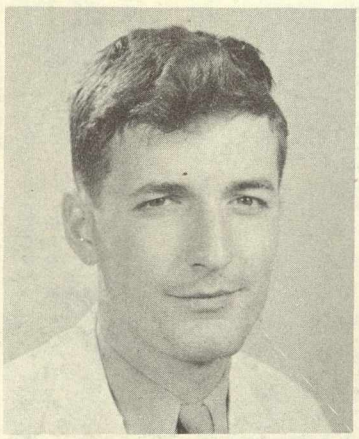
E-2 has 36 beds, and is the orhopedic traction ward, where maor fractures are treated. When the atients reach the ambulatory tage, they are sent to wards in he field hospital. Treatment on ard E-2 is usually a matter of everal months.

Major William B. Lewis, MC, the ard officer, has been at Letterman ince January of this year. He is a raduate of the University of Colorado School of Medicine at Denver. Ie was a flight surgeon during the ar, and served at Bad Kissingen, ermany, as Commanding Officer of he 221st Medical Dispensary (Avition) and as Station Surgeon unler the 12th Tactical Air Command.

First Lieut. J. T. H. Johnson, MC, he assistant ward officer, is a graluate of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. He has been t Letterman nearly a year. Lieut. Johnson is the son of Dr. Robert Johnson of Baltimore, an orthopedic pecialist who is a veteran of World War I.

Two of the best-known patients n ward E-2 are at present happily preparing for discharge — Master Sergeant Walter A. Haneberg and Pfc. Raymond E. Darrah. Their beds re side by side on the ward, and they have plenty of interests in common, particularly their membership in the Letterman Anglers' Club, of which Haneberg is president.

Sergeant Haneberg, who was injured in combat in Germany, had as a result of his wound an 8-inch defect in his right femur which has been successfully bridged with three bone grafts. He has been in the Army for over seven years, and has spent more than two years of that time in the hospital. His home is across the Bay in Oakland, and now that he is about to return to civilian life, he plans to go into



J. T. H. JOHNSON
First Lieut., MC
Asst. Ward Officer

business there with his brother, who is a contractor.

Pfc. Darrah was injured in 1945 in a jeep accident in Vienna. He has been in the Army nearly six years. At LGH he has considerable fame as a radio ham, and operates his own amateur radio station right on the ward. He has talked over the station with other amateur radio enthusiasts in the U. S., Canada, Alaska and Guam. He worked for and received his high school diploma while at Letterman, and intends to go to Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and specialize in electronics or meteorology when he receives his discharge. His home is in Ravenna, Ohio.

Lewis Harland, veteran who came here as a patient in June, hadn't seen Letterman since 1917, when he was paid off here after serving in World War I. He is eloquent about the many changes and improvements in the hospital since that time.

Master Sergeant Ralph Stone, who claims Nebraska as his home state, couldn't pace the floor last month when his son was born here at Letterman because he was a patient here himself, having been injured in a motocycle accident while on MP duty at Oakland Army Base. Both his legs were broken in the accident, but he's anxiously awaiting the day he can return to duty as the only MP on a motorcycle at the base. Meanwhile he's keeping himself busy with Occupational Therapy activities, and has made several belts, dog leashes and a scarf for his son since he's been here. He and his wife Henriette are the parents of three children, two boys and a girl.

Alameda is home to Sergeant Robert S. Imazumi, but he says ward E-2 seems like home now, after six months there. He suffered a broken leg while on occupation duty in Japan, and came to LGH last February. His wife Rose and their four-year-old daughter Marilyn make the



DOROTHY L. LOOBY
Captain, ANC
Charge Nurse

trip over from Alameda frequently to see him. He has been in the Army since 1944, and served in the Philippines and Japan.

Sergeant Robert E. Greeley, longtime patient on the ward, was injured in combat in Germany in June 1943, when he attempted a jump from a disabled plane. He is now looking forward to being discharged from the hospital in the not-too-distant future, and a return to duty. He has recently taken the examination for the rank of Warrant Officer. Sergeant Greeley's home is in Santa Barbara.

In spite of a five-month sojourn in balmy San Francisco, Pfc. Edmund Mullen of Rockwell, Iowa, loyally says that he prefers that mid-west cilmate. He was injured while on duty in Japan, and he can tell you how it feels to fall from a height of 40 feet and land on a concrete road. He has made good use of his time since he's been a patient, learning to play on both the typewriter and the guitar. He has also turned out some attractive copper wall plaques. He intends to go to the University of Iowa and specialize in forestry when the time comes for him to leave LGH.

Victor Christensen, veteran patient who was a naval aviator during the war, has been here since his injury in an automobile accident a month ago. His wife Patricia leased their home in Modesto and moved to San Francisco so she could be near him while he is in the hospital. He's anxiously awaiting the day of discharge so he can return to his work as a retail lumber salesman with the United Lumber Yard in Modesto.

Sergeant George King has been hospitalized for over three years as the result of wounds received in combat on Okinawa in April 1945. His left leg was amputated and he has undergone a number of operations on his right leg. He has been in three Army hospitals, having



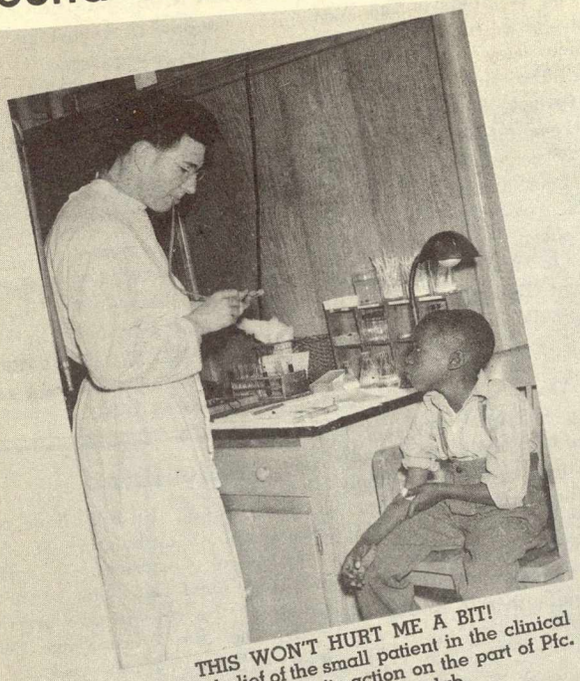
BRAZIL GASWAY
Sergeant
Wardmaster

been at Beaumont and Bushnell before coming to Letterman. Sergeant King was born and grew up on a farm, and he wants to return to farming when he leaves the hospital. His home is in Roswell, New Mexico.

"I was hit by a taxi, and in broad daylight, too," is the rueful observation of John C. Wilson, veteran patient, as he looks down at his

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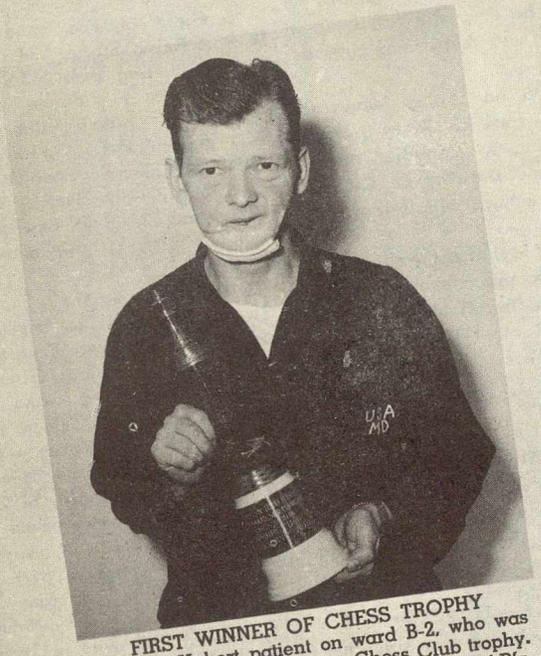
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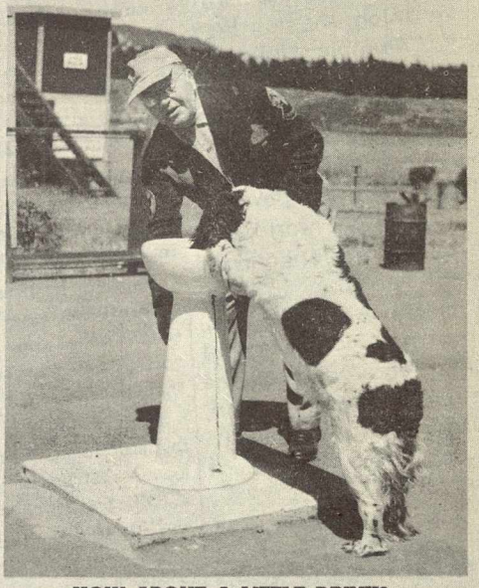
THIS WON'T HURT ME A BIT!
Is the firm belief of the small patient in the clinical laboratory as he awaits action on the part of Pfc. Leonard Winski of the lab.



RECEIVES GOLF TROPHY
General Mark Clark (right) Sixth Army commandant, presents First Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala, acting chief of Convalescent Services at LGH, with the Golf trophy he earned as a member of the winning team in the Sixth Army Golf Tournament.



FIRST WINNER OF CHESS TROPHY
Pfc. James Hubert, patient on ward B-2, who was the first to win the Letterman Chess Club trophy. The trophy is awarded for one month, and if Pfc. Hubert wins it three times, it will be in his possession permanently. He is president of the Chess Club.



HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DRINK?
They asked him, and the dog took them up on the offer. Pfc. Raymond Darrah, patient on ward E-2, made this print of a shot taken recently during an Anglers' Club meeting at the Golden Gate Casting Club.

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EDITORIAL

COMMON PURPOSE

"We Americans need fear nothing of the future if we live in the unity of common purpose," according to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In a message to the New York Convention of the Army and Navy Union, the new President of Columbia University urged veterans to "build in your communities a more firm conviction that free men, joined together in a united effort, constitute the most powerful human force in the world."

"We can expect unbounded betterment in the future," General Eisenhower continued, "if each of us recognizes that he is an integral part of the community and the nation, and that his welfare as an individual citizen is dependent on the welfare of all."

It is a common failing of the individual to forget at times his responsibility to the community. In the stress of everyday living his personal problems loom large, but he should take care not to lose sight of the importance of living in the unity of common purpose" of which General Eisenhower speaks.



The Army Nurse Corps welcomed a new Letterman arrival this week in the person of Captain **Bernice Hill,** who will be on duty in the Chief Nurse's office. Captain Hill, who has been in the Regular Army for the past 15 years, has just completed a course in administration at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. One of her hobbies is movie-making and she has with her a number of interesting films she made while on overseas duty in the European Command. She has her own projector and screen and the LGH nurses are looking forward to a forthcoming showing of her pictures to be held in the Nurses Recreation Hall.

The sympathy of her friends at Letterman is extended to Captain **Lois H. Alfred,** ANC, whose father passed away this week in Palo Alto after a long illness.

Members of the ANC are saying goodbye this week to two who are returning to civilian life—First Lieut. **Susan C. Feaganes** and First Lieut. **Rose Baron.** Lieut Feaganes will return to her home in Culpepper, Virginia, and Lieut. Baron to her home in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Captain **Velma Richardson,** chief dietitian, is on a two-week leave, which she is spending at her home in Broadmoor Village.

Captain **Patricia Dolan,** ANC, is currently on leave, and she and her sister have gone to Los Angeles, where they plan to buy a home for their parents.

Four members of the civilian nursing staff are at present on 15-day leaves—**Elfrienda Am End, Annie T. O'Leary, Elizabeth E, Neuendorf** and **Mildred E. Tayloe.**

A concentrated illusion of sunshine in the form of bright yellow terry cloth drayes will shortly be hanging at the windows of the nurses' mess. Captain **Margaret Lassetter,** assistant to the mess administrator, is busy with plans for this interior decorating project.

With a 30-day leave stretching pleasurably before her, First Lieut. **Maecielle B. Pless,** ANC, is bound for her home in Huntsville, Alabama.

WAC

Four more members of the WAC detachment joined the Regular Army ranks when they were sworn in last week. The girls are Sergeant **Edna C. Carrick,** Sergeant **Corinne Cooper,** Sergeant **Gertrude L. Churchill** and Sergeant **Ella M. Dodson.** Sergeants Cooper and Dodson are now on their re-enlistment leaves. Sergeant Cooper will spend 15 days at her home in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Sergeant Dodson is going to Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, for two weeks.

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Sergeant **Violet Collings** received her discharge last week and is now en route to her home in Detroit, Michigan. She was formerly supply sergeant of the WAC detachment.

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Sergeant **Frances Black** is using her 30-day re-enlistment leave to visit her grandmother in Kankakee, Illinois.

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After this week Sergeant **Josephine S. Porter** will be known as Mrs. Porter, since she is receiving her discharge from the WAC. However, since her husband, Master Sergeant **William Porter** is stationed with Sixth Army, she will still be living on the post and can keep in touch with her Letterman friends.

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Taking off on 15-day leaves for distant points are Pfc. **Mary C. Davis,** who is going to Danville, Illinois, and Sergeant **Dorothy L. Guy,** en route to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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"Music hath charms" and all that, and it has so much charm for Sergeant **Aletha Birchfield** that she recently went all the way to Los Angeles to hear a concert!

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"The Biggest Little City"—Reno, of course, is the destination of Corporal **Betty Stahl,** who will spend her 30-day leave, at her home there. Sergeant **Gladys Knowles,** also on 30-day leave, has gone home to Bangor, Maine.

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Sergeant **Leonarda Witkowski** has said goodbye to Letterman since her transfer to the Air Corps, but she won't be far away. She left this week for duty at Hamilton Field.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 15 August, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Hill-Billy Band

The Hospital Hill-Billy Band, composed of both ambulatory and bed-patients of Letterman, is rapidly working itself into an organized group at the rate of two practices daily, the most recent one being held in Ward E-2 this week.

Under the careful management of Sergeant First Class Guy Shortz and his capable assistant, Pfc. E. D. Law, the band has grown into something that we might well say has good chances of becoming a top favorite locally.

Members of the band include: M/Sgt. Ralph Stone, bed patient of Ward E-2, and Bass Fiddle player; Pvt. Charles F. Conner, Ward 27, guitar; Pvt. James Milhorn, Ward K-3, guitar; Pvt. "Swede" Myers, Ward 27, Electric Spanish Guitar; Pfc. Johnnie E. Harris, Ward 3, guitar; and Pfc. E. D. Law, guitarist, violinist, pianist, and manager of the band.

Celebrities of the band are, "Swede" Myers of Los Angeles, who met the well known Ernest Tubbs and his gang while on furlough and personally appeared with Ernie; Charles Conner, of "Deep in The Heart of" Del Rio, Texas, who had his own eight piece band in civilian life; James Milhorn, of Bristol, Va., who has played various places for a period of fifteen years and more recently appeared over Radio Station WOPI, at Briston; Ralph Stone, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who entered the army in 1939 and has been playing string instruments for ten years; and Johnnie E. Harris, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, who toured his home state with Kite Hessie and His Swingsters, and was a wartime fleet member of the famed Battleship USS Indiana.

WAC OF THE WEEK



GRACE K. DAVIS
Sergeant First Class

In less than two months Sergeant Grace Davis, newest member of the WAC detachment at Letterman, will complete five years of service in the Women's Army Corps. She recently signed up for another year of service, and says she will probably apply for Regular Army appointment before the year is up.

Sergeant Davis was born in Arlinton, Ohio, but had made her home in Los Angeles for a number of years before she came into the Army. After her husband's death she worked as a civilian employee of the government, performing stenographic duties in a Los Angeles OPA rent control office.

She joined the WAC in October 1943 and after basic training at Des Moines, was sent to administrative school at Conway, Arkansas. Her first duty station was at Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele, Utah, where she was assigned as a stenographer in the Security and Intelligence Division. When that installation closed three and a half years later, she was transferred to the nearby Deseret Chemical Depot, and remained there until she came to Letterman last month. She had come here for discharge, but liked the post so well that she re-enlisted for another year.

After a 20-day leave which she spent in Los Angeles, Sergeant Davis was assigned to temporary duty in the WAC detachment orderly room.

Sergeant Davis enjoys writing, and before she was in the WAC had some of her stories and poems published, but says she hasn't had much time for writing since she's been in the Army. She likes to read, particularly biographies, and has four magazines on her list of favorites—Reader's Digest, Coronet, Time and the WAC Journal.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pfc. **Olen Johnson** of ward 43 is in dire straits due to the fact that he just underwent a tonsilectomy. He can't eat any of his favorite foods because his throat is so sore. At the present time all he can eat is ice cream. His friend Cpl. **Ellis McDiffett** of ward 40 is also suffering in the same way. The only differences is that he is well satisfied with ice cream.

How would you like to play in a "Hillbilly Band?" At the present time Sergeant First Class **Guy Shortz,** the music instructor at the Recreation Hall, is organizing one composed of patients and duty personnel. So far he only has the bare nucleus; he needs men who can play guitars, accordions, a piano, banjo or the harmonica. The group will meet twice each day at the Recreation Hall. For the time of the meeting and any further details contact Sgt. Shortz.

Here is a tip to all of you professional Quiz Show men. If you can't win a silver dollar by answering a question, you might try asking one. Pvt. **John L. Sellers,** who is a patient on ward D-1 tried it with **Dale White** by asking him how to say good afternoon in Japanese. He won the dollar!

The Community Sing which is held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Recreation Hall is looking for some new talent. The accompaniment is supplied by **Mrs. Hunter** and **Mrs. Whitmer,** but of late there have been only a few people to sing. If you like to sing, come around and join in on your favorite songs.

The current rage on ward B-2 is working jig-saw puzzles. They started out with small puzzles and have now worked up to a 1200 piece puzzle. They figured that it took 20 hours, with from seven to ten men working, to complete the 1200 piece puzzle, or in other words, 140 man hours.

The Letterman Anglers Club went on a Salmon Fishing Trip last Tuesday morning. The results were very good and exceeded most expectations. Some of the patients who went were: M/Sgt.. **Walter Haneberg** of ward E-2; Pfc. **Ray Darrah,** of ward E-2; Captain **William Bauer,** of ward 26; Pivt. **Harry Dryden** of ward 42; Captain **Sidney C. Arnold,** of ward M-1; and Sgt. **Darrel A. Trumm,** of ward 27. The club is open to any who wish to join. The only requirement is that you have a fishing license.

If you don't know **"Butch"** then you couldn't have been at Letterman General very long. **"Butch"** is actually **Harold Truitt,** a five and one-half year old patient on ward H. **"Butch"** can be seen daily being pushed around the hospital in his wheelchair. The other day he raised quite a storm when he was given a green balloon instead of a red one. He has quite a temper when he gets "riled."

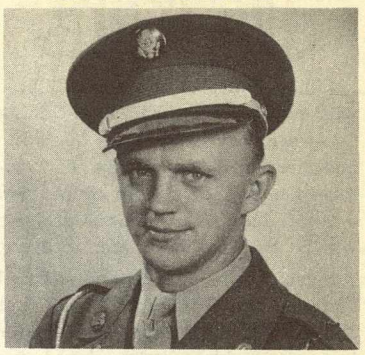
Cpt. **James A. Hubert** of ward B-2 was the smart man who solved last week's chess problem. Cpl. **Hubert** has won the chess trophy for the months of June and July. If he wins it this month he will keep it permanently. Anyone who plays chess and would like to join the club and try for the trophy, can do so by contacting the president, Cpl. **James A Hubert,** on ward B-2. The club meets every other Wednesday in the Recreation Hall and they usually have a guest speaker. This week's speaker will be **Mr. Ray,** who will talk on the setting up and solving of chess problems.

Pfc. **Allen F. Austin** of ward 3 was discharged from the Army at Letterman last Wednesday. During the last few days that he was here he was trying desperately to get someone to mail him this issue of the Foghorn. It seems that he wanted his name mentioned so that he could add one last memento to his Army scrap book.

The latest rumor which has been circulating is that the Army will soon adopt a bi-monthly pay plan. Most everybody is in favor of it, except Pvt. **James Underhill,** of ward E-1. He complains that it will be worse for him because, instead of being broke once a month, he will be broke twice a month.

Cpl. **Harold Lessner** of ward 40, has been working on a small end-table in the Occupational Therapy for the past two months. He completed it a week ago last Monday and took it home. His mother put a table radio on it "and down came radio, table and all." Harold has given up the idea of being a carpenter.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN S. LEMANSKI
Sergeant

Sergeant John Lemanski, now on duty with the Military Police Detachment at Letterman, has been in the Army since 1941, and spent over three years of that time as a prisoner of the Japanese. He was wounded and captured on Bataan in April, 1942, and made the infamous "Death March."

After being held a prisoner in the Philippines for over two years, he was shipped to Japan in September 1944, landing at Nagoya. From there John and his comrades were taken to Tokyo, then to a prisoner of war camp in northern Japan. There they were forced to work in a copper mine until their liberation by American troops after the surrender of Japan.

John was immediately placed aboard a hospital ship en route to the States. He arrived here in October 1945 and was hospitalized here at Letterman. After receiving treatment in several hospitals, he re-enlisted at Fort McPherson, Georgian, in April 1946, and was sent to Pratt General Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida, where he was assigned to duty in Special Services. He came to Letterman in June 1947, and was on duty in Spcial Services here before entering the MP detachment.

He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, attended high school there and was graduated from the Jersey City Vocation School, where he studied interior decorating.

John's hobbies are on the artistic side, as he is particularly interested in both the theatre and dancing. He is undecided at present whether to make the Army his career or to become a civilian and return to the field of interior decoration.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic will be spending her forthcoming two-week leave at Rio del Mar. She and her twin sister have just acquired a new Ford club coupe, and one of Lillian's vacation projects will be teaching her sister to drive.

Since hardly anyone knows **Ethel Fenn** by that name, we'll say that **"Mickey Finn"** of Separation Center has separated herself from her duties for a three-week vacation which she'll spend in Lake County.

Lake County is also the destination for **Bernice Blake** of the Sergeant Major's office. She and her sister took a cottage there for a blissful two weeks of fun and sun.

Anne Hume of EENT is leaving Letterman for Denver, her home town, and is transferring to Fitzsimons General Hospital there.

Gus Tevis is taking a week's vacation, and says he intends to spend it "just relaxing, after all his hard work."

Stella Wilson, formerly M/Sgt. Wilson of the WAC detachment, has returned to Letterman to a civilian job, and is on duty in the Training Branch.

Congratulations go this week to **Helen Diez** of the Record Room, who celebrated her 33rd wedding anniversary on 11 August.

Two new employees welcomed to Letterman this week are **Glenray Blaskowsky** of Olympia, Washington, who is on duty in the Adjutant's office, and **William Reed,** optometrist, assigned to EENT.

The sympathy of her friends at Letterman is extended to **Frances Ahrens** of Sick and Wounded office, whose father passed away this week.

The daughter of Mrs. **Myrtle Kirby** of the library staff was married recently, and Myrtle says she is now looking forward to enjoying home-cooked meals at her daughter's apartment, instead of having it the other way round, as it's been up to now.

Viola Hocking of Military Personnel, formerly S/Sgt. Hocking of the WAC detachment, is wearing a sparkling new diamond on her engagement finger.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic is looking extra nice these days in a becoming new short hairdo styled by Charles of the Ritz.

TO LIEUT. HARTMAN THE WAR IN CHINA HAD A PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE



First Lieut. MARY B. HARTMAN, ANC
Comes to Letterman after two years in the Islands

Looking back over the eventful four years of her life spent as a nurse in the Army, First Lieut. Mary Hartman can count as her most perilous experience one which occurred after the war ended. It was while she was in China, and she and nine other Army nurses were trapped in their living quarters, three miles from the hospital at which they were stationed, between two opposing Chinese armies.

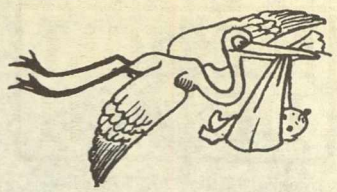
They subsisted mostly on K rations, and kept up their spirits with mulberry wine. After more than a week of this, they were evacuated by Army plane in the middle of the night and flown to Calcutta. This experience should have made Lieutenant Hartman welcome the quiet life, but it failed to quell her adventurous spirit.

She had done a good deal of traveling before she entered the Army. She was born in Joliet, Illinois, and attended boarding schools schools in several cities while she was growing up. Then before she became a nurse, she lived in New York, Chicago and Long Island while working as a secretary and companion.

She received her nurse's training at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, and after graduating, she studied for a time at the University of Chicago, working part time as a nurse at Billings Hospital. In 1944 she joined the Army and went to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for basic training. Immediately after completing basic she was sent overseas and served in the China-Burma-India Theatre. "I worked in every type of hospital," she says, "evacuation, field, station and general." Shortly after her alarming experience in China she returned home, arriving in December 1945.

After a restful 45-day leave at her home in Lockport, Illinois, she was stationed at Fort Sheridan Station Hospital for six months, then again went on overseas duty, this time in Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii. She spent two years there, and thoroughly enjoyed living in the Islands. After coming back in June of this year, she asked for assignment to a West Coast hospital, and was very pleased to be sent to Letterman. At present she is on duty on ward P-1.

She likes to drive and wishes that she had brought her car with her from home. Pending exploration of California by car, she is enjoying her other favorite diversions—sewing, reading and going to movies. And she is looking forward to the forthcoming opera season, too.



To Pfc. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bowen, a boy, **Arthur Alvin,** born 28 July.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lonnie Lee Sweeney, a boy, **James Wayne,** born 28 July.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William Ashley Clarke, a girl, **Peggie Jean,** born 28 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Haskell Thomas McCarter, a boy, **John Joseph,** born 29 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Richard E. Dittrich, a boy, **John Edward,** born 29 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Keith Douglas Thomas, a boy, **Barry Douglas,** born 30 July.

To Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Ralph Viner, a girl, **Martha Ellen,** born 30 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Fulton Scott, a boy, **Gregory Kellam,** born 30 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Wray Willis Hudson, a boy, **Douglas Wray,** born 31 July.

To Sgt. 1 cl and Mrs. Glen C. Smith, a boy, **Charles Donald,** born 31 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle Howard Amberg, a boy, **Paul Michael,** born 31 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Thomas Walter Pugh, a girl, **Theresa Mae,** born 31 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Lawrence Edwin McDonald, a girl, **Patricia Elaine,** born 31 July.

To Captain and Mrs. Armando Zanecchia, Sr., a boy, **Armando Luigi,** Jr., born 31 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Vincent Anthony Kulas, a boy, **Alexander Anthony,** born 1 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Edward Deane Hopkins, a girl, **Ann Fielding,** born 1 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Waldo Joseph Moragog, a boy, **Gregory Paul,** born 1 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Russell A. Salton, Jr., a girl, **Frances Ellen,** born 2 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Wilford D. Gregory, a girl, **Janet Ruth,** born 2 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Clemens Gesell, a girl, **Gloria Jean,** born 4 August.

MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal **Ellis McDiffitt** of Out Patient Serrvice had his tonsils removed recently. He says the operation definitely cut down on his "chowhound" abilities for a few days.

Automotive Notes: Sergeant First Class **Clarence Carrick** of the Clinical Records Section, the man with the reputation of "flying too close to the ground," recently gave his "red racer" another workout by making a flying trip to Los Angeles and back over the weekend. And Master Sergeant **John Law** of the Clearance office has up and acquired himself a 1948 two-door Packard sedan with all the trimmingsg.

Congratulations: To Sergeant First Class **Herbert Newton**, secretary-treasurer of Letterman's NCO Club, and also to his fellow members on the club's Board of Governors, for the first class stag party they arranged for last Monday night. Also to Corporal **George Adams** of Troop Information and Education office on his election to the NCO Club Board of Governors by an almost unanimous vote. The only reason it was not unanimous is that George voted against himself.

Corporal **Okey Coleman** of the Message Center might well feel that life is almost unbearable since the new rating system became effective. The new system allowed his wife, Sergeant **Dorothy (Gustafson) Coleman**, also of the Message Center, to keep her four stripes, while Okey had to shed one. They tell Okey that in his case the throwing around of rank is prohibited.

Master Sergeant **George Barte**, who made this column last week when he was host to his two sons, says he is eligible to be host almost every day in the week. Total score: Five sons, one daughter.

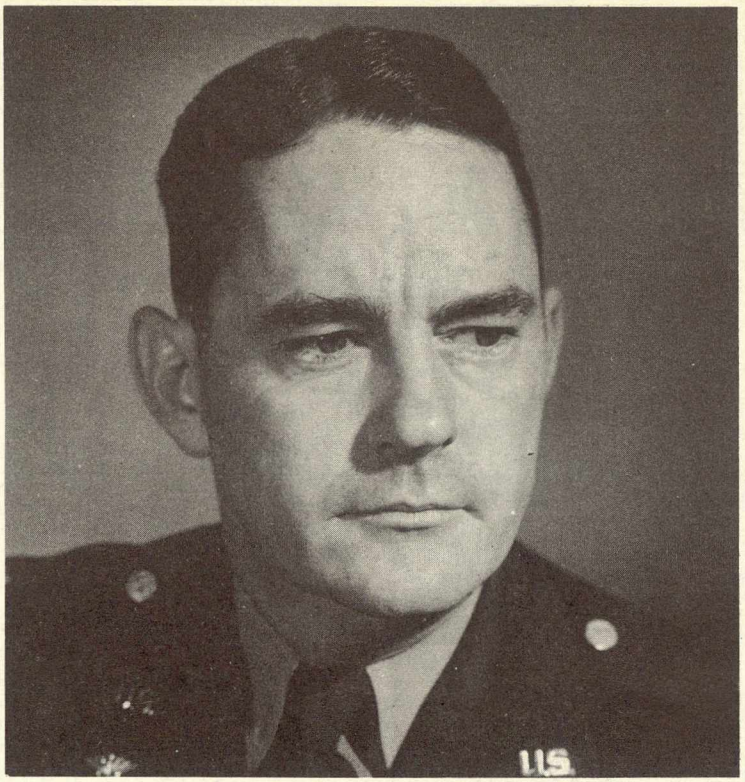
Master Sergeant **John Wilhite** of the Hospital Service Branch will be leaving Letterman soon for duties as Instructor with the ROTC Brranch of the San Francisco Dental Ccollege. Ditto: Sergeant **Robert Day** of the Service Records Branch.

Pfc. "I used to be a plumber in a tobacco shop."

Cpl. "What did you do?"

Pfc. "I fixed the pipes."

MAJOR MACKIN TAKES OVER AS CO OF THE DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS



Major JAMES H. MACKIN, MSC
Recently arrived at LGH from the SGO

Major James H. Mackin, **MCS**, recently arrived at Letterman from Washington, where he had been on duty in the Office of The Surgeon General. This week he took over as Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients, replacing Major Manley G. Morrison, MSC, who is leaving for overseas duty in Germany.

Major Mackin was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and attended the University of Wisconsin. After leaving college he served as secretary to the Mayor of Madison for eight years, from 1932 until 1940. In 1928 he enlisted in the 135th Medical Regiment of the National Guard, and when the regiment was inducted into the federal service in January 1941 he held the rank of captain.

He was stationed at camps in Louisiana and in Mississippi before going overseas early in 1942. He landed at Australia after a 36-day voyage from New York, and served as Adjutant of his regiment at Darwin and various other points in Australia. In July 1943 he transferred to the surgeon's office, headquarters Advanced Section, U. S. Army Services of Supply, at New Guinea, where he was administrative executive officer. He spent the last eleven months of his overseas tour serving in the same capacity at Brisbane, Australia. He found the Australian people hospitable and congenial, and enjoyed getting to know the country.

After 32 months overseas duty, Major Mackin returned to the States in 1944, and says he spent his rehabilitation leave "learning how to be an American again." His next duty station was Vaughan General Hospital at Hines, Illinois, where he was first adjutant, then executive officer. After the hospital was turned over to the VA in April 1946, he was briefly assigned to 5th Army headquarters in Chicago, then went to The Surgeon General's office. There he was Cheif of Procurement, Separation and Reserve Branch, and was later in Personnel Division and assistant to the Chief of Procurement.

Major Mackin's wife Gladys and their two sons — James, Jr. and Richard — are now here in San Francisco with him. His two favorite pastimes are golf and photography.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Reports from the Transportation Office indicate that the life of the personnel working there has become quite dull since Miss **Dorothy Ragle** left to become a bride.

Pfc. **Welton Sessums** certainly has a hard time getting a furlough. Seems he just can't get away from the Detachment Supply Room.

Sergeant **Mills, Power** and **Nicholls** were seen swinging the old brooms and mops around barracks T-246 the other day. We hope that they don't acquire a case of "wash-women's knee" as a result.

1st Sergeant **Tea Garland** lost a twenty-five cent piece the other night at the NCO Club. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of it please contact Sgt. Garland and leave the address and phone number where it can be recovered.

Sergeant **Themistocles S. Zanios** had a case of "butter-fingers" one night last week. Something distracted his attention and he dropped his drink. Wasteful!

Sergeant First Class **Joseph Ellis** is on a five-day leave en route to Los Angeles. The Crissy Mess hasn't seemed the same since Joe left.

Pfc.**Raymond Alexander** has had a great deal of trouble locating his laundry. The matter broadened into a deep mystery until Sergeant First Class **James Mitchell** was identified as the culprit.

Pfc. **Joseph Helms** and Pvt. **Dwayne Huffaker** are two new members of HTU. We'd like to welcome them formally and wish them the best of luck as soldiers of the Hospital Train Section.

A little old lady was driving near a military reservation the other day when she got tangled up in an Army maneuver. As she approached a bridge a sentry briskly stepped up. "Sorry, madam—you can't pass This bridge was just blown up." She peered at it uncertainly and quavered: "It looks all right to me." But she turned her car around and practically levelled another soldier. "Excuse me," she whispered "but can you tell me what happened to the bridge?" "Don't ask me lady," he grunted. "I've been dead since yesterday."

MORE ABOUT WARD E-2

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walking casts. He has walking casts on both legs, and gets around with the aid of two canes. He came into the Army in 1943, and during the war he "trained the men to train the dogs" for the K-9 Corps. His home is in San Francisco, and he and his wife Mary have five children, four boys and one girl.

An airplane accident in which he broke both ankles put Clark J. Ballard on ward E-2. He was a flight engineer during the war, and had intended to be a commercial pilot, but says he isn't sure now whether he'll be able to go into that field, since his accident, though he's going to try for it. While he's waiting to get back into condition, he'll go to school in Berkeley and learn the watchmaking and jewelry business. He's from Eureka, California, but he and his wife Marjorie will live in Berkeley while he goes to school.

It took Herman J. Goff, veteran patient, five days to regain consciousness after being hit by an automobile on the Bayshore Highway last March. He spent that time in the Palo Alto Hospital, then came to Letterman. "A lady from San Jose hit me," as he puts it, still referring to her as a lady in spite of the many compound fractures and other injuries he received.

Charge nurse on ward E-2 is Captain Dorothy L. Looby, ANC, who has been on the Orthopedic Service ever since she came to Letterman nearly two years ago. She is in the Regular Army and has been an Army nurse for over six years. During the war she served in the Southwest Pacific for two and a half years.

She is assisted by First Lieut. Virginia Thomas, ANC, who came to LGH in 1945 after a brief tour of duty in the South Pacific, and by First Lieut. Gloria E. Saffield, who arrived at Letterman two months ago after two years overseas duty in Nuremberg, Germany.

Sergeant Brazil Gasway has been wardmaster on E-2 since last November. During the war he served in Italy and on Okinawa, and was decorated with the bronze star medal for valor in action with the 15th Air Force in Italy. Ward attendants working under the direction of Sergeant Gasway are Pfc. Celestine Gomez and Pfc. James Corley.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Army and Air Force enlisted 18,085 volunteers during the first two weeks in July, more than half of the 30,000 needed to meet the monthly quota. The Army got 12,898 of the newcomers, while 5,187 went to the Air Force.

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Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal has given the go-ahead signal for re-activation of United Service Organizations to meet the needs of an expanding Armed Forces. The USO has agreed to launch a program of recreation and entertainment for servicemen similar to the one operated during wartime.

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The Warrant Officer Integration Program will get rolling about October 15. Primary MOS numbers have been set up for the 49 career titles. The most popular career job is that of administrative assistant. Of 52,723 applications for appointment, 9,702 listed administrative duty as first choice. Of these 4,917 were for the Army, and 4,785 were for the Air Force.

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Regulations governing selection for Army and Air Force airborne training have been relaxed to permit a waiver of the maximum age limit of 31 years for men of superior physical condition.

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The next round of selections for permanent promotion of officers in the Regulary Army may reverse the order of the first selections under the new law, and start with the lower grades. If this procedure is followed, promotion boards will meet this fall to select successively, first lieutenants, captains, majors, lieutenant colonels, and colonels for permanent advancement.

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The Army needs enlisted language instructors in Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian, Polish, Rumanian, Serbo-Croatian, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish.

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Lack of adequate housing has caused the Army to cancel plans for training troops in Alaska this winter. Only 7,000 ground troops will remain in the Alaskan Command during the cold months. These will be engaged in supplying Air Force installations.

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Full duffle bags always feel as though they're loaded with coal. Now some of them actually are. The Army and Air Force are using 200,000 as coal containers in "Operation Vittles" over Berlin.

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The Advisory Commission on Service Pay recently made a survey of hazards involved in duties aboard aircraft carriers, submarines, and at Air Force installations. The survey's findings are expected to have an important bearing on the Commission's final recommendations. The Commission is presently preparing an exhaustive study on the entire pay scale of the Services for Secretary Forrestal.

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Further fruits of unification: Army's Troop Information and Education Division becomes Army-Air Force T I & E under provisions of a recent directive, with joint and equitable responsibility. Air Force will provide 40 per cent of T I & E personnel.

Homestate Highlights

New York City (AFPS)—Don't ever sit on your window sill at night, minding your own business, and enjoying the cool evening breezes, warns Anna Atkinson, or a curious passerby might think you were trying to commit suicide. Anyhow, that's what happened to her the other night, causing the police to come at a gallop, and forcing the irate housewife to assure them that she had no intention of jumping off. She added that it looked like a person couldn't even enjoy himself anymore without causing excitement.

Moorestown, N. J. (AFPS)—After his benefit drive for Greek children proved extremely effective, George Constantine decided to celebrate. He pulled a Santa Claus in July stunt by opening his candy store to all the kids in town. Sweet toothed tow-heads responded so well that he soon had given away his entire stock of 600 pounds of candy.

Brooklyn (AFPS) — Cookies helped save the life of a two-year-old girl recently. When Mrs. Claire Stanton's daughter Barbara locked herself in the bathroom and began to play with the shower nozzles, the frantic mother kept sliding cookies under the door to keep the child occupied and prevent her possible drowning. When the cookies were all gone, firemen had to scale a ladder to the bathroom and carry the bathtub-sailor girl down.

Hoboken, N. J. (AFPS)—Commissioner Erwin Hock told tavern owner Patrick Radigan that he disapproved of the latter's catering to the kiddie trade. The barkeep had instituted a special session of television programs that attracted children, while adults weren't admitted. Ordering discontinuance, the commissioner said: "Henry Wadsworth Longfellow would turn over in his grave if he could see your version of the 'Children's Hour'."

Answering the Veterans Queries

A revised appraisal system, under which veterans will be advised in writing of any major deficiencies in home properties they wish to purchase with G-I loans, will go into effect August 2 in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.)

The system will give VA regional offices a tighter control over appraisals of reasonable value on home properties sold to veterans through G-I loans.

The plan calls for direct assignment of appraisers by VA in the case of all houses appraised as completed dwellings.

Appraisal of a property to determine reasonable value for purposes of G-I loan financing can be requested by a potential veteran buyer, owner of the property, real estate broker or lending agency.

Upon completion of his assignment the appraiser will submit his report direct to the VA, together with a letter to the potential veteran buyer. The letter will outline, in simple language, any major deficiencies in the building which may have been observed by the appraiser.

In the event of an appraisal for an owner or a broker and the appraiser discovers conditions requiring repair to preserve the structure and make it habitable for a veteran and his family, the appraiser will detail and estimate the required repair work on his appraisal report and write a letter for VA files.

VA officials point out that owners and brokers may obtain a VA appraisal of reasonable value before placing a property on the market. The appraisal of reasonable value is good for 60 days. The owner or real estate broker will also be informed of any structural defects or conditions requiring repair.

Question: If a loan, for any reason is not completed after the guaranty or insurance has been entered upon the veteran's honorable discharge or certificate of eligibility, what should be done?

Answer: The veteran should take his honorable discharge or certificate of eligibility to the regional office of the Veterans Administration Administration where the necessary correction will be made.

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New VA Hospital to Be Located on Fort Funston Site

Fort Funston at San Francisco has been approved as the site for a new 1,000 bed psychiatric hospital to serve veterans in Northern California, the Veterans Administration announced this week.

The VA will design and supervise construction of the new hospital, and preliminary plans are already under preparation. Construction of the new hospital is expected to get under way next year.

It was announced from Washington that Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, has approved the acquisition of 200 acres of the military post for the hospital.

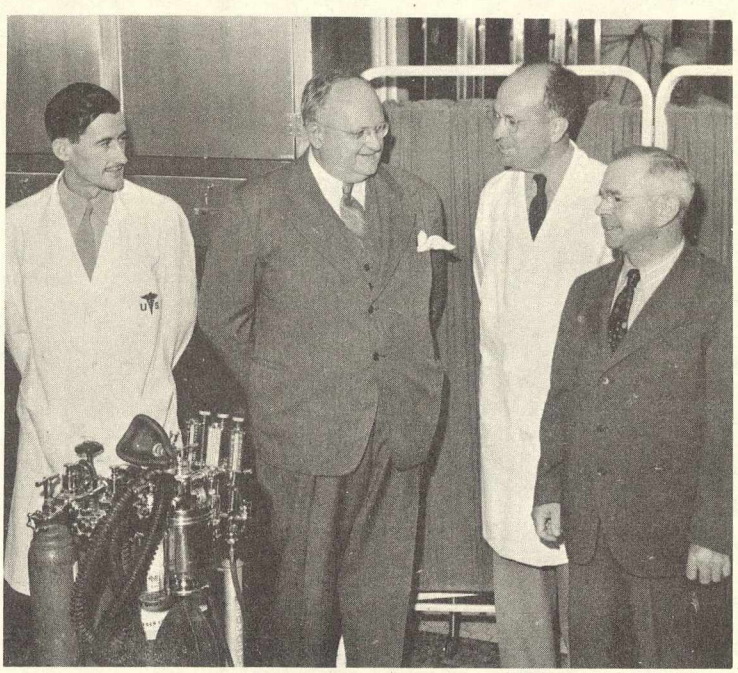
This tract was recently declared excess to its needs by the Department of the Army, and the VA will acquire the property by transfer.

The erection of this hospital will make the second institution under the Veterans Administration to be located in San Francisco. The Fort Miley Hospital has been in operation for many years and is well known to veterans in the Bay Area.

The new Letterman General Hospital, for which plans are in the making, is to be located on the site of the present Presidio golf course, and will have accommodations for 1500 patients when completed.

One of the features of the new Letterman General Hospital will be a convalescent annex with accommodations for 500 patients. All of the activities in which convalescent patients normally participate will be housed in the annex and conveniently located. Gymnasium, swimming pool, and a chapel easily accessible are among the proposed facilities.

The Marine Hospital, also on the Presidio reservation, operating under the United States Public Health Service, is also admitting veterans of all wars for treatment.



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Dr. Paul M. Wood of New York, (second from left) discusses the Letterman residency training program. Major Edward P. Shannon, Chief of Anesthesiology, Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Profesional Services, and Dr. Harry D. Lapp, local consultant in Anesthesiology, listen in.

Date Set for Tripler Dedication

The Commanding General, United States Army-Pacific, has set the date for the dedication of the new Tripler General Hospital at Moanaloa on September 10, 1948.

Invitations to attend the ceremonies of dedication have been extended to the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy, and the Air Surgeon. Major General Norman T. Kirk, the former Surgeon General of the Army, and long time Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, will also be among the special guests.

Letterman will be represented on the occasion by Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, who wears a decoration for meritorious service at Schofield Barracks, where he was Chief of Surgery at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

The new hospital, with a capacity of 1500 beds, is expected to care for the medical needs of all personnel of the armed forces on duty in Hawaii. Provision is also made for a limited number of veterans and those eligible for treatment by the United States Public Health Service.

The official party will leave San Francisco by plane on 8 September.

American Board Secretary is Letterman Visitor

Dr. Paul M. Wood, of New York, Secretary to the American Board of Anesthesiology, has been a Letterman visitor this week in connection with the residency training program in operation here.

Dr. Wood is also consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army in Anesthesiology and in that capacity lends his long experience to the training programs in the five teaching hospitals under the Medical Department. He recently completed a visit to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., and stopped off for a survey of the activities at Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado on his way west. The next place of call after Letterman will be Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas. At a future date he will visit Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia, which is the fifth of the teaching hospitals.

While at Letterman Dr. Wood has been in conference with Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services, and Major Edward P. Shannon, Chief of Anesthesiology. Dr. Harry D. Lapp, of the Children's Hospital in San Francisco, and consultant in anesthesiology on the Letterman teaching staff, assisted Dr. Wood in the survey of the local facilities.

Letterman has been approved as a teaching hospital in that specialty by the American Board of Anesthesiology and there is one resident in training at the present time. Ultimately it is believed there will be five appointments for specialization under the board.

Dr. Lapp and Dr. Fennimore Davis, of the Peralta Hospital in Oakland, head up our teaching staff at Letterman.

On the Feminine Side With the Patients of Ward O-1

There are no hospital blues in evidence on ward O-1—it's strictly "Operation Bedjacket," since that is one of the women's wards. And when we speak of "hospital blues" we are referring to garb, of course, but if we meant mood, what was said about "no hospital blues" still goes, because the patients on O-1 are a thoroughly cheerful group.

O-1 is the women's general surgical ward, and includes a number



GEORGE F. PEER
Colonel, MC
Ward Officer

of beds set aside for neurosurgical patients. There are 26 beds on the ward, plus four rooms, each containing two beds. At present there are 20 patients on O-1. Statistically speaking, the average time a patient spends on the ward is 12 days, though of course this varies, and some patients spend a much longer time than that before they are well enough to leave. But everyone on the ward is so congenial that there is no feeling of time dragging, in fact, it's rather the reverse.

Colonel George F. Peer, MC, is the ward officer. He has been on the Surgical Service at Letterman since 1946, and has been in the Army since 1934. He came into the Army shortly after receiving his medical degree from the University of Maryland, and during the war served overseas in North Africa and Italy, and in the Philippines and Japan. While on overseas duty, he was commanding officer of the 262nd Station Hospital, and also of the 361st Station Hospital and the 47th General Hospital. Since he has been at LGH he received the bronze star medal for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from August 1943 to July 1945."

The assistant ward officer is Lieut. Col. Thomas T. Beeler, Jr., MC, who came to Letterman in January 1947. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Colonel Beeler has been in the Army since 1940. He served in the ETO during the war, and was with the 19th Corps at the time of the Normandie landings. He transferred to the 91st Evacuation Hospital, and later was commanding officer of the 67th Field Hospital in Germany. After 21 months overseas, he returned to the States in September 1945, and was at the Army-Navy General Hospital for a time before coming to Letterman.

From the standpoint of length of service—as a patient, that is—Mrs. Leonora O'Neill tops the list, having been at Letterman since March. She was a bed-patient for some time, but is now ambulatory via



THOMAS T. BEELER, JR.
Lieut. Col. MC
Asst. Ward Officer

wheelchair. Her husband, William O'Neill, who was formerly stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, was retired at Letterman last November, and the O'Neills now make their home in San Francisco. Mr. O'Neill is with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, and when we arrived to interrupt Mrs. O'Neill's reading with our questions, she was engrossed in a small book of Pinkerton case histories. She says she has done a lot of reading since she's been a patient, mostly fiction. Between books she is entertained by the behavior of her two tiny turtles, Mickey and Junior, who live in a bowl on the movable stand at the foot of her bed.

Mrs. Margaret Wyatt, who conceals what she calls her "GI haircut" under a green skullcap that somehow manages actually to be becoming to her—a difficult matter for a skullcap—has been at Letterman for nearly three months. She qualifies her statement about her GI haircut by saying that she had such a close shave that her hair is just now growing into the GI style. Her skullcap is decorative in itself, being adorned with a small red bird made of feathers. The bird was a gift from Lieutenant Neely, ANC, charge nurse on the ward, and it's just the thing for head decoration. Mrs. Wyatt is busy with an afghan she is making from varicolored wools. The completed afghan will have 260 squares, and already she has finished 90 of them. She used a color scheme based on the outfits her friends wear when they visit her, and names the squares after the individuals. When she isn't being a patient, Mrs. Wyatt's job is playing the piano, and since there is a piano in the ward dayroom, she happily entertains the patients by playing any and all requests for them, always without music, and most expertly. Her husband, Sergeant Fred Wyatt, is at present stationed in Manila with the Air Corps, but she is expecting him home shortly, probably before she leaves the hospital.



KATHLEEN F. NEELY
First Lieut., ANC
Charge Nurse

Mrs. Catherine Lynch of San Francisco is a newcomer on the ward, having been at LGH less than a week. She says she has been reading all the "short stuff" she can get her hands on. "I can't settle down to anything as long as a novel—short stories are just right while I'm here." Her husband, John Lynch, who is a retired Army Major, is at present a patient in the veterans' hospital in Palo Alto.

Hurrying to finish a book so she could return it to the library before she left the hospital, Mrs. Dorothy Stuart told us that though she had been here only 12 days this trip, Letterman is a familiar spot to her. Her husband, Colonel L. L. Stuart, is professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of San Francisco. He and Mrs. Stuart are planning for a home down the Peninsula after his retirement, which will be in the not-too-distant future. Yes, she did finish the book, and liked it—it was Dorothy Black's "The Hidden Heart."

Mrs. Vena Mae Carr, who says she is fast getting to be a "well patient," has been at Letterman for six weeks, but expects to go home in about two weeks more. Her home is in San Francisco, and her husband, Master Sergeant Ralph Carr, is stationed at Hamilton Field. She is anxious to get back home to be with her family. She has two children, Nora Ann, 14, and Jerry, 11.

Looking at Mrs. Elizabeth Cowles from the foot of her bed as though he were about to say "Hello, mother" is a picture of her eight-year-old son, Allan. Allan is at home in Mount Shasta, California, at present, but he is hoping to come to Letterman in a week or two when his mother leaves, and bring her home with him. Since his father, Pfc. Richard Cowles, is stationed in Japan, Allan feels that the responsibility of looking after his mother is his just now. Mrs. Cowles is making a baby afghan for a friend, and has learned leatherwork since she's been at Letterman. She has made billfolds, belts, and a coin



ROSE CASILIO
Private First Class
Wardmaster

purse, and enjoys the work very much. She is interested in the study of philosophy, and on her bedside table is a copy of Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet," which is one of her favorite books.

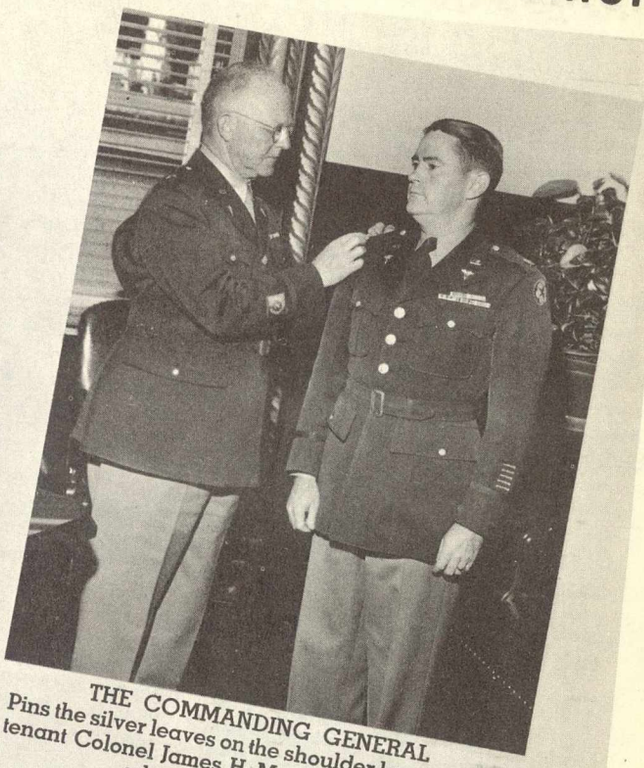
One of the new arrivals on O-1 is Mrs. Rose Johnson, who came to Letterman last week. Her home is in San Francisco, and her husband, Master Sergeant Roy Johnson, is stationed at Oakland Army Base. Sergeant Johnson is an ardent golfer, and last week when the Main PX Store opened Mrs. Johnson found a nice surprise gift for him

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



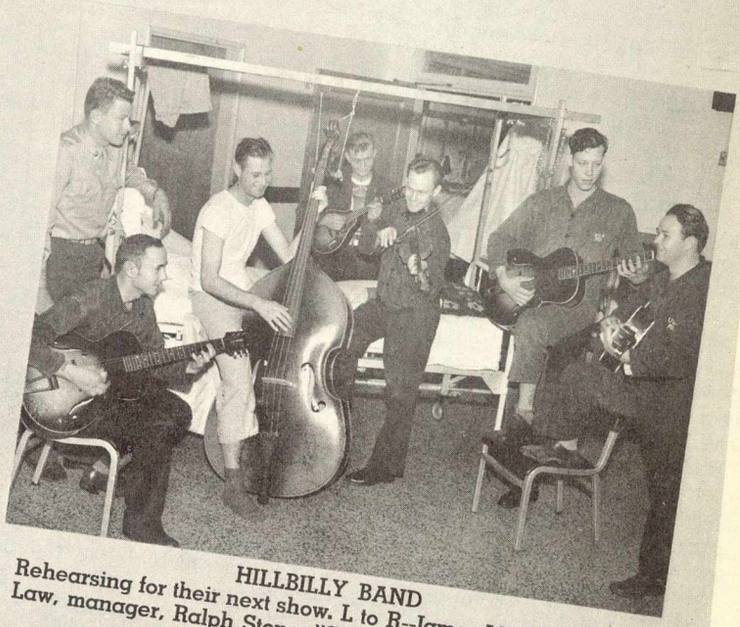
VOLUNTEER
Letterman would be lost without the help of the numerous volunteers who give so generously of their time to assist our patients. Sarah Dudley Heaton lends a hand on the charge desk of the main library.



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Pins the silver leaves on the shoulder loop of Lieutenant Colonel James H. Mackin, MSC., advanced to that rank this week.



THE NEW LOOK
The Letterman Main branch of the Bay Area Exchange gets ready to re-open for business after extensive alterations. Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Deputy Commander makes the final inspection while the staff smiles.



HILLBILLY BAND
Rehearsing for their next show. L to R--James Milhorn, E. D. Law, manager, Ralph Stone, "Swede" Myers, Johnnie Harris, and Charles Conner--patients all.

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NEW COURTESY

The old time M.P. truculently approaching some traffic offender with, "Lemme see yer license" is slowly passing from the scene, and the present Provost Marshal at Letterman is helping to speed him on the way.

One of the innovations introduced by the recently designated Provost Marshal is a "Courtesy Citation" on which the nature of a traffic irregularity is checked for the information of the recipient and his co-operation requested in compliance with traffic regulations.

There is no curt demand for the violator to appear in person at any fixed time or suffer heavy penalties. The citation is a courteous admonition and the matter is dropped there. Repeated violations naturally call for sterner action.

Most of the minor violations are committed by visitors who are not too familiar with our regulations. The permanent post personnel respond to a greater degree to an admonition with a smile instead of a warning with a growl.

The Provost Marshal and his staff of military police merit our complete co-operation in making the streets of the post safe for everyone.



Joining the staff of Letterman nurses this week were Capt. **Mary C. Ward,** First Lieut. **Rosalie H. Berry** and First Lieut. **Marsha Sostik.** They had been doing psychiatric nursing in Washington, D. C. before coming here.

A new dietitian also was added to the Letterman staff this week. She is Lt. **Ida M. Sariss,** who recently returned from service in the Philippines and Korea.

Also welcomed this week was Major **Kilie E. Bridger,** who finished her overseas duty on Okinawa just before coming to Letterman.

Driving to Iillinois to visit "the islands" are First Lieut. **Toine Luoma** and First Lieut. **Fern Manne.** "The islands" they are going to visit are Rock Island and Blue Island.

First Lieut. **Dorothy E. Rogen** is going to spend her 30-day leave in Taft, Oregon. First Lieut. **Sarah Lewis** is spending her 14-day leave in Kansas City, Missouri and Lt. **Hendrina Jankowski** plans to spend her 30-day leave visiting all the interesting and colorful spots in Mexico.

Back to duty after spending time in the hospital as a patient is First Lieut. **Mary Brown.** She was hospitalized recently for an eye operation. Lieutenant Brown was stationed in Weisbaden, Germany before she returned to the States and to new duties at Letterman.

First Lieut. **Florence Murphy Shapiro,** who is now Mrs. **Robert Shapiro,** was given a linen shower in the recreation hall last week. The lieutenant was married July 23.

A party was given Wednesday night in the recreation hall for First Lieut. **Marie N. Lichtenberger,** who is leaving the service. Lieut. Lichtenberger has a job waiting for her on the East coast.

First Lieut. **Helen E. Simoncik,** who was relieved from active duty on August 12, has returned to her home in Chicago.

First Lieutenant **Millie Tohill,** who left the Army at the same time, surprised her friends here by returning as a civilian nurse. She is now known as Mrs. C. G. Wuhrman.

Mrs. Alvin J. Kisting **(Ann B. Bakalar),** former Captain in the Army Nurse Corps, and long time Lettermanite in the early days of the war, is a visitor in San Francisco these days. Seems that even the fog of this area has a stronger appeal than the dead heat of Dubuque.

And speaking of dead heat, **Frances Wagner,** another long time Lettermanite, and now on the nursing staff of the hospital conducted by a construction firm in Saudi Arabia puts in a requisition for any fog we may have left over hereabouts.

WAC

The Letterman WACs will have their big chance of the 1948 season when they go to Camp Stoneman for the Sixth Army softball tournament to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. On the team are Sgt. 1 cl **Leslie H. Roach,** Sgt. **Gladys Knowles,** Sgt. **Esther P. Hart,** Cpl. **Pauline D. Smith,** Cpl. **Norma Underhill,** Cpl. **Henrietta Zuzga,** Capt. **Minnie L. Young,** Lt. **Frances Harllee** and Lt. **Betty Miller.**

The softball team lost out to the Double Play Dandies in a hard-fought battle Tuesday night after holding down the Dandies in the first part of the game. The score was five to two.

Three more members of the WAC detachment decided to make the Regular Army their career and were discharged from the AUS, processed and sworn into the RA this week. They are Cpl. **Betty J. Wugan,** Pfc. **Stella R. Goodman** and Sgt. **Billie Maples.** All three enlisted for three years.

Another new girl has joined the detachment. She is Cpl. **Evelyn V. Leonard,** who comes from the Army Medical Center in Washington.

A steak fry is being planned for members of the WAC detachment Tuesday night.

Peace and freedom are not easily achieved. They cannot be attained by force. They come from mutual understanding and cooperation, from a willingness to deal fairly with every friendly nation in all matters—political and economic. Let us resolve to continue to do just that, now and in the future. If other nations of the world will do the same, we can reach the goals of permanent peace and world freedom.—**Harry S. Truman.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 22 August, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

New Rabbi Here

Rabbi William Z. Dalin, who saw four years of active service with the Air Force during the late war, and who is a Major in the Chaplins Reserve, has been appointed auxiliary Jewish Chaplain at Letterman and reported in this week.

Rabbi Dalin will visit the hospital on Tuesday and Friday of each week and officiate at Jewish Services in the Post Chapel on Fridays at 1930. He will be available at any time for emergencies.

The rabbi had more than 30 months overseas service in both the C. B. I. and the ETO. He is a native of New York and succeeds Rabbi Seymour Stern as the auxiliary Jewish Chaplain at Letterman.

Alerted

Chaplain (Captain) L. Lane McCammon, who is serving his second tour of duty at Letterman, has been alerted for overseas movement to Hawaii in October.

How many of us are waiting for the opportunity to do some great thing for the betterment of our community, forgetting that the solution of the problem requires only the active intelligent fulfullment of individual civic duty. The only things which are wrong about our government are the things which are wrong with you and me. Democracy is never a thing done; it is and always will be a goal to be achieved. It means action, not passive acquiescence in things as they are; it requires alertness to duty, a dynamic faith, a willingness to give for the good of all. It can live only as a result of loyalty and devotion to its principles expressed by daily deeds.—**Douglas L. Edmonds.**

ON THE SPOT



GUY SHORTZ
Sergeant First Class

Sergeant First Class Guy Shortz, who is assigned to Troop Information and Education as music instructor for the patients of Letterman, is a veteran of both World Wars. He entered the army from Pittsburgh, Pensylvania in August 1917 and took basic training at Camp Hancock, Georgia. Early in 1918 he sailed for overseas.

Sgt. Shortz first saw action as a member of the 28th Infantry Division while engaged in the Battle of Chateau Thierry in June 1918, and suffered wouuds and mustard gas burns which resulted in hospitalization. He was recommended for the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He participated in five major campaigns including: Champagne-Marne, Aisne - Marne, Oise - Aisne, Meuse - Argonne, and Defensive-Sector.

Sgt. Shortz returned from France in April 1919, re-enlisted in the army at Fort Dix and received his discharge at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in June 1920.

Continuing his music education after studying three years at Coombs Conservatory of Music and Temple University in Philadelphia, Guy played with the Philadelphia Municipal Concert Band for 15 years, and for four years with the Pennsylvania Civic Symphony Orchestra.

He reenlisted in the army in May 1942, took basic training at the Fort Meade Maryland Infantry Replacement Training Center, and was assigned as conductor of the 304th Infantry Regiment Band at Fort Meade.

After a year as an instructor in small arms at the Valley Forge Military Academy in Washington, D. C., he was transferred to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, pursuing his musical career and serving as assistant conductor of the Medical Field Service School Band.

Guy again re-enlisted in December 1945, arriving at Letterman in April 1946 after a short term at Hamilton Field. He teaches 18 different instruments and is credited with organizing the Letterman Hill-Billy Band.

Guy is married and has three children; two boys, aged 21 and 24, and a girl, aged 16. The older boy is an Air Corps veteran.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

If you happen to be on Ward F-2 and you would like to know something about the Troop Information and Education Program all that you have to do is talk to **Pfc. Harold Nichols. "Nick,"** a member of the T I & E Staff, is currently a patient of that ward. Nick says that the reason he is hospitalized is that he has an infected ankle, but everyone else thinks that it is because the picnci last Saturday was too much for him.

If you are looking for the latest news as to what's going on in the jewelry business, contact **Pvt. Dick Kirby** and **Tom Choye.** Dick and Tom plan to open a jewelry store as soon as they are discharged.

The ward "elder" on Ward F-1 is **Pvt. Lester Spencer**—the title bestowed upon him as a result of his prolonged "detainment" in the ward. On a recent week end pass Less decided to turn rancher and went to visit friends of his who own a ranch in the Carmel Valley. When he returned he brought back enough fruit to give nearly everyone on the ward a stomach ache.

Little **William Billet Barte,** the fifteen year old son of **M/Sgt. George Barte,** has left Letterman to return to school in St. Paul, Minnesota. Willy was a former patient on Ward K-3, and is pointing his studies towards a religious vocation.

ATTENTION MEN!!! For the latest ideas in bridal rings be sure to have a chat with **Herman Goff** of Ward E-2. We hear he has made some exquisite ones recently which are classed "Not For Sale." "Aw, come one, Herman."

Pfc Feliks Rybicki catches our eye this week as the hardest worker around Occupational Therapy. Latest reports are that the disease is not contagious, but rather fill you up with the old vitamin content; B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-29.

Due to the anticipated discharge of **Pvt. "Swede" Myers,** the Letterman Hill-Billy Band will as a result lose one of its most valuable and talented members. Anyone who can fill the vacancy will be welcomed. Further—if you have talent on any string instrument the band wants you. For full details on how you can have barrels of fun and also provide Western entertainment to Lettermanites, contact **Guy Shortz** or **E. D. Law** at the Rec Hall.

Pvt. Orville Hemberger and **Sgt. Robert Greely,** of Wards D-1 and E-2 respectively, recently prepared to rent a car and go for a spin. However, much difficulty was encountered when both men, wearing casts, were unable to drive. Orville's cast prevented him from turning his head sideways. Bob was unable to fit under the wheel and found that he would be forced to recline in the back seat. They had to change their plans.

The Angler's Club is currently featuring open competition among its members. The contest calls for a prize to be awarded to two of its members who catch the largest edible fish and the largest unedible fish during a thirty day period commencing 1 September. Thus far, two of the club's members have laid early claim to the titles. **M/Sgt. Walter Hanberg** recently caught a nineteen pound salmon, and **Cpl. James ..Caffert,..** who.. claims.. the striped bass is non-edible, proceeded to pull out one weighing twenty-nine pounds.

Here is good news for all you fishermen. This week the Special Service fishing boat, the L-101, officially went back to duty. The ship has been laid up due to engine trouble. On the last trip she brought in a record catch of 2500 pounds of fish.

Everyone on Ward E-2 is saving his pennies. The reason . . . to buy a pair of wire cutters and a screw driver so that they can "tear" a radio apart. It seems that each morning promptly at 0530 hours they are awakened by hill-billy music on which **Dawson Goff** seemes to thrive, and which he insists is the very best "waker-upper" there is.

Indigestion: Failure to adjust a square meal to a round stomach.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MARJORIE SAMSON
Second Lieutenant, ANC

Her home is in York, Nebraska, but her travels since she's been a nurse have taken 2nd Lieut. Marjorie Samson, ANC, far afield—north to Alaska and south to Mexico. She says travel is her main hobby, and she hasn't been disappointed yet in any of the places where she has worked or vacationed.

She trained as a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska, spending the final six months of her training as a cadet nurse at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver. There she got her first glimpse of Army life, and liked what she saw.

Lieut. Samson was graduated from St. Elizabeth's in 1945, then spent a year nursing in the Indian Service in Skagway, Alaska. She came back home for a family wedding—her brother's—and decided to stay in the States. She did general duty nursing at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, and followed this with a long vacation, spent partly at her home in York and partly in New York and Chicago.

She applied for a commission as an Army nurse, and last March went to Brooke General Hospital, where she was on the staff for a time, then took the basic training course. She requested assignment to Letterman, and came to duty here last month. Already she is enthusiastic about LGH and San Francisco. Texans aren't going to like it, but she refers to the climate here as "wonderful, especially after Texas." While at Brooke she spent a brief vacation in Mexico.

She's interested in music, both classical and swing, and since she plays the piano, she found the baby grand in the Nurses' Recreation Hall an extra added attraction here.

CIVIL CIRCLES

After five years of service at Letterman in the Laboratory Section **Kay Perrine** is resigning to take up the duties of a housewife. She will take with her the best wishes of her many friends at Letterman.

Helen O'Connell played hostess recently at a farewell party held in her home for **Major** and **Mrs. Manley G. Morrison** who are leaving for Gemany.

A tip to hobby enthusiasts. **Audrey Mathis** is replenishing the stock in the Post Exchange after inventory.

Alice Deenin, formerly of the EENT office, has returned to Letterman after a two years absence, this time as a representative of the Veterans Administration.

Cline Beckman, Post Exchange, has received her orders to join her husband who is stationed in Tokio and she is leaving Letterman the first of September to complete preparations prior to sailing from Seattle.

Lillian Taylor will divide her vacation time between southern California and San Francisco. She and her daughter, **Leslie,** will visit with her mother for one week and will return to spend the second week at home.

Isabella Franks, Post Exchange, is vacationing for three weeks with friends and relatives in Portland.

Don Schwab, Station KLGH, and his wife, **Jean,** recently **returned** from a month's vacation in Nebraska. **Bill Roberts,** also of the radio station, enjoyed two weeks leave in Santa Cruz.

Joan Gottschalk, Civilian Personnel, is visiting her home town, Laramie, Wyoming, during her two weeks vacation.

Louise Smith, CDD Section, is receiving many compliments on her new short hair-do. It was styled by **Herb Dahlka,** formerly a hair stylist, and now in the Receiving Office.

Mary Bensen, Civilian Personnel, enjoyed a few days of the Carmel sun last week.

A welcome is extended to the following new employees of Letterman: **Colleen Roth,** X-ray Section, **Eleanor Simon,** Public Information office and **Millie Wuhrmann,** who was formerly at Letterman while in the Army Nurse Corps.

It says here that a hug is energy gone to waist.

SALLY'S HOBBY: PEOPLE, BOTH DURING AND AFTER OFFICE HOURS



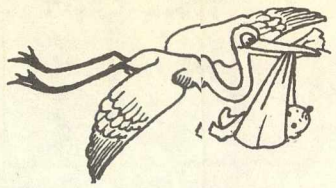
Miss SALLY PERLMAN, ARC
Red Cross medical social worker at Letterman

A great favorite on the wards she serves is Miss Sally Perlman, Red Cross medical social worker at Letterman. She is affectionately known as "Miss Sally" to the many patients who have had occasion to consult her about their problems. And she has the reputation of being very good at solving problems. Other people's, that is. Right now she has one of her own on which she could use a little help. She's engaged in that familiar outdoor San Francisco sport of ringing doorbells in the search for an apartment.

Sally was born in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, and took her B. A. degree at the University of Wisconsin. Her first work in social welfare was with the Multnomah County Public Welfare office in Portland, Oregon, where she spent two years. She has completed all the work for her master's degree with the exception of her thesis, having studied for two years at the University of California. One year's work was done on a Red Cross scholarship.

She began work with the Red Cross as a medical social worker in March 1945, and has since been stationed at three Army hospitals. The first was Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, where she remained until September 1945. She was then at the Fort Ord Regional Hospital until she came to Letterman in January of 1946. She was at Dante Annex for the first six months of her duty at LGH, and was also at Crissy Annex for a time before taking on her present assignment. She works on seven wards here—five in the main hospital and two in the field. These are K-1, K-2, K-3, A-1, A-2 and wards 2 and 8. She is enthusiastic about her job, and the patients she works with return the compliment.

When she's asked about her hobbies, "Miss Sally" promptly replies "People, both during and after office hours." She likes reading very much, but talking with and getting to know people is her favorite way of passing the time.



To M/Sgt. and MMrs. George B. Stanley, a girl, **Pennny Leah,** born 2 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. JJohn Raymond West, a boy, **Dennis RRaymond,** born 2 August.

To Lt. Col. and MMrs. John A. Joyce, a girl, **Donna Susan,** born 3 August.

To Sgt. 1 cl and MMrs. Ernest E. Robbins, a girl, **Rebeccca Susan,** born 3 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Waayland B. Harrison, a boy, **Ronald Raul,** born 4 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. . Charles Kass, a boy, **Richard Charless,** born 5 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Chris Mahon Sarantis, a boy, **Christcopher Michael,** born 5 August.

To Col. and Mrs. Eddward Racine Mason, a boy, **Edward Robertson II,** born 5 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Frank Novak, a girl, **Wanda Diane,** boorn 5 August.

To Captain and Mrs. . Leon Martin Gervin, a boy, **Leslie SStephen,** born 5 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Marrvin A. Stout, a boy, **John Charles,** boorn 6 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Chaarles A. Yarbrough, a girl, **Irene MMarie** ,born 6 August.

To Captain and Mrss. George D. Richards, a girl, **Julie AAnnette,** born 6 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Vachhiel F. Bracken, a boy, **Ronald Lee,** , born 6 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Josseph D. Leoffler, a boy, **Joseph Brrann,** born 6 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrss. Oliver O. Newsome, a boy, **Johhn Anthony,** born 6 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Kennneth G. Barzee, a girl, **Mary Eileeen,** born 7 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Mderle E. McDonald, a boy, **John Eddward,** born 8 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Janmes T. Huztable, a boy, **Donald AAlan,** born 7 August.

To Lt and Mrs. Charlcles W. Heringlake, a boy, **Christoppher Bruce,** born 8 August.

MEDICAL DETACH

Capt. **Robert P. Allen,** Detachment Commander of the Hospital Train Section for 16 months, has left to assume duties as assistant to the Chief of Orthopedic Service at Letterman. Capt. Allen and the HTU have been synonymous for the past 16 months. The Train Unit will be under the administration of Capt. **Charles A. Toombs,** who assumes command in addition to his duties as Adjutant.

Sergeant **Alfred Sanchez** became a proud father for the second time last Sunday when Mrs. Sanchez presented him with a baby girl.

Pfc. **George Hansen,** a new member of the organization, has been assigned as a clerk in the Evacuation Office under the able supervision of M/Sgt. **George Washburn.** Pfc. Hansen has 26 months overseas credit and has just returned from China. "George" seems to be a common name in the "Evac" office and the confusion that results will be interesting.

Sgt. **"Paul" Magale** returned from seven-day leave which he spent with friends in Southern California.

Cpl. **William Hapchuk** underwent a tonsillectomy and, at last reports, is wel on the road to recovery. As a matter of fact, he was seen around the HTU area in the characteristic blue suit and sporting a pink complexion as a result of merthiolate applications.

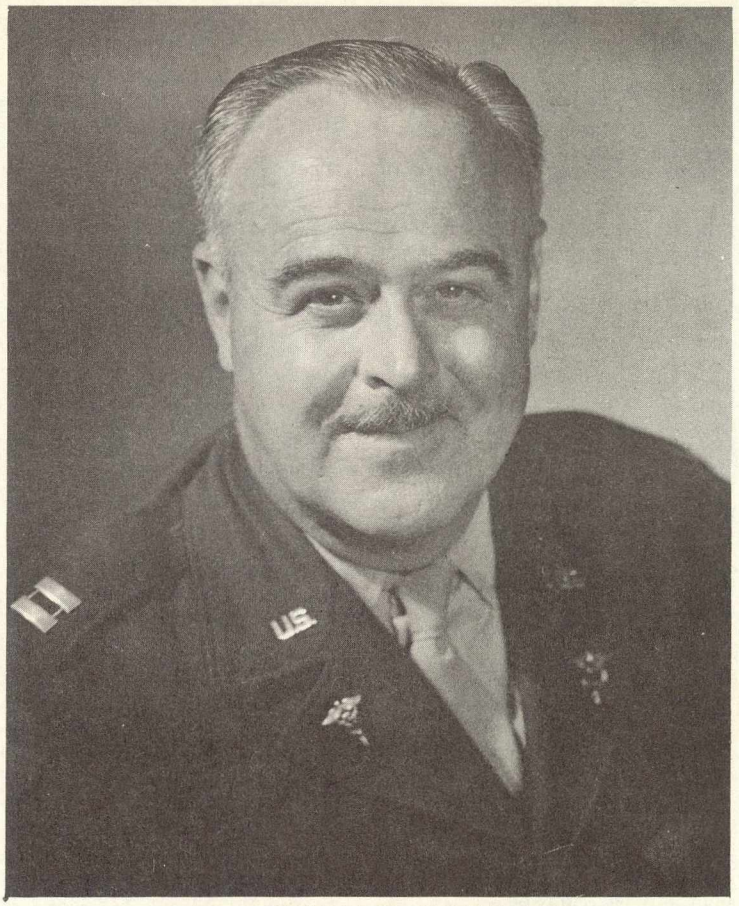
Sergeant 1 cl. **James Kane** has returned from 30-days delay en route which he spent with his family in East Hartford, Conn.

Cpl. **Donald Chah** celebrated his twenty-first birthday this week and was heard muttering, "Today I am a man" on the eventful day. You now rank among the wise and philosophical, Corporal Chah, and you should use your wisdom and wordly knowledge for the benefit of mankind.

M/Sgt. **Frank O'Connor** is on four-day TDY at Fort Ord, California, to participate in the Sixth Army Championship Softball Tournament. A goodly number of "homers" should be in order.

Sgt. **Worth Smith** of the Maintenance Section is on a five-day delay en route to the State of Washington.

CAPTAIN HOXIE SERVED OVERSEAS IN BOTH THE ARMY AND THE NAVY



Captain JOSHUA T. HOXIE, MSC
Administrative Assistant, LGH Surgical Service

Captain Joshua T. Hoxie, MSC, administrative assistant on the Surgical Service at Letterman, has served in two branches of the armed forces—the Army and the Navy. Since he spent only three years in the Navy and has 13 years to his credit in the Army, the Army definitely has the edge.

Captain Hoxie was born in Waterbury, Conn., but since 1930 his home has been in Baldwinsville, Mass. His service in the Navy was from 1919 to 1922, and during that time he was stationed in the West Indies. After his discharge he returned to school and specialized in economics at Yale-Sheff College in New Haven. He was i nthe business of manufacturing school furniture before he came into the Army in 1935.

He spent three years on CCC duty at Fort Devens, Mass., then held a Reserve commission until his return to active duty in 1940. During the two-year interval he did promotional work for the Steinway Piano Company in the New England territory. Upon his return to active duty, this time in the Medical Administrative Corps, he was with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Devens, and during the war served with that division on overseas duty in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. His duties included those of division medical supply officer, headquarters detachment commander, PX officer and supply officer. He went overseas in August, 1942 and returned in December 1944.

Upon his return he went to Hoff General Hospital at Santa Barbara, serving as property officer and signal officer. He remained at Hoff until it closed in February 1946, then after a short tour of duty at McCornack General Hospital, he was assigned to the Sixth Army property disposal branch. His activities while on duty there included work on the closing-up operations at Hammond General Hospital, Mitchell Convalescent Hospital and Camp Beale.

Captain Hoxie came to Letterman and his present assignment last February. He and his wife Ruth have two sons—Lloyd, who is in the Navy and is stationed at Puerto Rico, and Jack, now studying engineering at Worcester Technical College.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Pfc. **William H. Hooker** of Physical Reconditioning Branch is taking a lot of teasing over the fact that his parents own a sheep ranch in Montana. Bill is usually greeted with a loud "baa."

M/Sgt. **George Barte** of the Claims Office and a perennial source of copy for this column says that he is trying to get as far away from smoking as possible. George smokes "King Sizes" and has recently acquired a five-inch cigarette holder.

Passing Notes: Pfc. **Cezar Barnes** of the Hospital Service Branch shaving out of a five gallon bucket full of water. Cezar also says that he likes a clean haircut. "Clean on" down to the scalp.

M/Sgt. **Joseph P. Matthews** of the East Hospital Mess reenlisted on the 14th day of this month. After Joe takes a 15-day furlough to his home in Augusta, Georgia he will report for duty at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Sports note: Letterman's softball team is still rolling in "high gear." Captain **Ernest Adams** of Physical Medicine Branch recently pitched a four hit game against Hamilton Field, winning 4 to 3 and a six "hitter" against Fairfield Air Base, winning 6 to 4. Sergeant First Class **Joseph Surowicz** of the Hospital Service Branch pitched 2 hit ball and batted in the winning tally on a seventh inning single as Letterman edged out West Coast Industries 2 to 1. The team will go to Fort Ord for the 6th Army Championships.

Sergeant **David L. "Blackie" Blackburn** of Physical Reconditioning Branch and a recent bridegroom claims to be quite the "William Tell" as regards proficiency in archery.

Sergeant First Class **Guy "Curly" Shortz** of the Troop I & E Music Branch has expanded his activities and is now conducting a "hill billy" band. Guy is quite a versatile musician. He plays 18 different instruments.

More About O-1 WARD

(Continued from Page 2)

—a cigarette lighter in the form of a set of golf clubs; miniature, of course.

Mrs. Betty Edwards has been on the ward only two weeks, and has already made two gifts for her six-month-old daughter, Libby. She left for her home in Sacramento this week, and took with her the two presents, toy felt animals she learned to make at LGH. One is Sausage, a bright-red dachshund; the other is Pinky, a pink horse with eyelashes. Mrs. Edwards' husband, Master Sergeant Edward E. Edwards, is stationed at Mather Field.

The only Lettermanite now a patient on ward O-1 is Sergeant 1st class Margaret Drescher of the WAC orderly room, who has been there since July, and says she is busy making a whole kennel of felt dachshunds. The day we saw her, Margaret was looking very un-WAC-like in an attractive plaid dress of teal blue and white. Margaret's husband, Master Sergeant Clarence Drescher, is stationed at the Presidio with Sixth Army, so he has plenty of opportunity to drop in during visiting hours.

All the patients on O-1 are loud in their praises of the nursing staff and the other ward personnel. First Lieut. Kathleen F. Neely, ANC, charge nurse, has been at Letterman since last August, and has spent most of that year on O-1. She has been in the Army nearly six years, and during the war spent a year in the Philippines, on duty with the 248th General Hospital. Her home is in Richfield, North Carolina.

First Lieut. Oma (Betty) Miller, ANC, and First Lieut. Anne Rose, ANC, are also on ward O-1. Lieutenant Miller came to LGH in 1946, and worked on wards E-1 and S-1 before coming to her present assignment. She has been in the Army five years, and was overseas for two years, in England and France.

Pfc Rose Casilio of the WAC detachment is acting wardmaster in the absence of Sergeant Henrietta Zuzga, who is at present on leave. Rose first came into the WAC in 1943, and after a tour of duty at Letterman received her discharge, then re-enlisted and returned to LGH last November. Seven civilian ward attendants are also assigned to O-1.

Eleanor Mertzig, the ward secretary, was formerly in the WAC detachment here, and after her discharge in March 1946, she returned to work at Letterman as a civilian. She deserves a big vote of thanks for her cooperation in getting us the facts and figures for this story.



By Armed Forces Press Service

Once in a "blue moon" the perfect sports story breaks. An under-dog comes from behind to win, an ex-champ regains his title or, as in the case of the John B. Kellys, a son equals or betters his father's outstanding athletic feats.

Warmin' the Bench was ready and waiting with such a story.

Last year John B. Kelly, Jr. had won the British Diamond Sculls on the historic Thames, a race his father had been barred from in 1920 because he was a "common laborer." This year he seemed the outstanding entrant in the Olympic Single Sculls.

But the moon wasn't blue and Kelly, Jr., did not win the Olympic title his father had garnered in the 1920 games. It was Eduardo Risso of Uruguay who won the Olympic singles, passing Kelly in the last ten feet of the race. So there went an "angle" of the perfect story. However, the younger Kelly's success of last year is a story in itself.

John Kelly, a husky bricklayer from Philadelphia, was America's champion rower back in 1920, winning every worthwhile singles event in this country.

Kelly then set his sights on one of the most coveted prizes of all scullers, the Diamond Challenge Sculls of England's Henley Royal Regatta. He filed an entry for the rowing classic and began training for the event.

Shortly before the day of the big race Kelly was told by an official that he would not be allowed to compete. Stunned by the announcement, he demanded an explanation and was told that he was barred because he was a bricklayer. Although deeply hurt and disappointed, Kelly stayed in Europe, and just two months after his disappointment in England, won the Olympic championship.

Kelly had proven that he was the world's champion rower but he was not satisfied. He vowed that some day he would have a son and that his son would come to England and win the race in which he, the father, had not been allowed because of his background.

John B. Kelly saw that vow fulfilled. He married the coach of women's water sports of the University of Pennsylvania and in due time John B. Kelly, Jr., was born. Almost from birth John, Jr. was pointed towards the Diamond Sculls. Day after day, month after month, year after year the senior Kelly taught his son all the rowing techniques and the perfect coordination that had made the father the greatest rower of his time.

The Kellys' first chance for revenge came in 1946. The 19-year-old son of the now wealthy business man, John B. Kelly, Sr., was rowing in the Diamond Sculls. In a neck and neck finish he was nosed out by Jean Sephariades of France, John, Sr. again knew disappointment. Disappointed, but not discouraged, the Kellys came home to prepare for the 1947 regatta, and when the day came, the entire family turned out to see John B., Jr. win going away from Norway's great Carl Fronsdal. John B., Jr. had proven his rowing ability and John B., Sr., had carried out his 27-year-old vow.

There'll be more Olympic games and John B. Kelly, Jr., is still a young man with a mission. Watch for him in the 1952 Games.

Cash Prize Goes Begging; No Courteous Motorists

Bloomington, Ill. (AFPS)—Police Chief S. Clyde Hibbens still has the $5 he was supposed to award in a courteous driver contest.

Chief Hibbens prowled the streets to catch a motorist in an act of courtesy.

"I thought once I was going to get rid of the prize," he said. "A crippled pedestrian on crutches began to cross the street. Four motorists came along, and all of them nearly knocked him down. If one of them had stopped, I'd have given him the money."

Camp Lee, Va. (AFPS)—Soldiers at this post were introduced to a novel form of "shoe-testing" recently—with the aid of an Army mule.

Enlisted men, who work at the camp's quartermaster board putting Army footwear through durability tests, discovered they were being followed over the testing course by a shaggy, muddy mule—AWOL from the stables.

As punishment for the offense the "jenny" was immediately outfitted with two pairs of outsize footgear and invited to continue the march—properly clad.

Results proved that the mule was not well adapted to this type of work. "Jennie" was therefore reassigned to her former occupation—wagon-hauling.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans attending colleges and universities under the G-I Bill must obtain supplemental certificates of eligibility from Veterans Administration if they plan to enroll in a new school this fall.

The certificates should be requested from the VA regional office at least 30 days before the date the term opens at the new school. Advance requests will help speed prompt payment of subsistence allowances after the start of the new term.

Supplemental certificates to the original certificates of eligibility issued by VA are necessary only when a veteran changes from one school or training establishment to another.

The veteran's full name, correct address, VA claim number and present training establishment should be included in any request for new certificates.

There are three important points to remember for veterans who are planning to enter school for the first time this fall under the G-I Bill.

1. The veteran's first step to a college education is to find a school that will accept him.

2. A certificate of eligibility must be obtained from the Veterans Administration and submitted to the school at the time of entry. The VA suggests that you call at the nearest Veterans Administration office and obtain it now.

3. The veteran must make satisfactory grades. G-I students must make passing marks in order to continue their studies under the G-I Bill.

QUESTION: I am going to school under Public Law 16 and would like to know if I can borrow money from Veterans Administration in case of need when I enter training?

ANSWER: Yes. Loans from a revolving fund, provided by Congress, not exceeding $100 in any case, may be made to trainees commencing or undertaking Vocational Rehabilitation.

QUESTION: I am training under the G-I Bill and am writing a thesis for my Ph.D. Will the government pay the cost of publishing this thesis?

ANSWER: No.

A fellow we know says he wouldn't marry his homely girl friend for her money if there was any other way to get it.

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Commanding General Leaves Letterman For Retirement

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, who has been in command of Letterman since December 1946, left this week for a brief leave of absence prior to being placed on the retired list of the army at the end of this month.

General Winn is a native of Macon, Georgia, and was graduated from the Medical Department of Emory University in Atlanta in 1910. He engaged in private practice in Atlanta until 1914, then during the following year was operating surgeon at the Russian-American Red Cross Hospital in Kiev, Russia.

He entered the Army in 1916 and was assigned to duty in the Surgical Service at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. In 1917-18 he served as Adjutant at the USA General Hospital No. 1 in New York City, and after the close of World War I was operating surgeon at the USQ General Hospital No. 41 on Staten Island, New York, until 1919.

The next two years were spent in the Philippines, as Chief of Surgical Service at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila. Then came the four-year assignment at Letterman, and during the following four years from 1926 to 1930, General Winn was Chief of Surgical Service at the Station Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas. During 1931 he held the same position at the Corps Area Hospital, Fort Totten, Long Island.

He was superintendent of Colon Hospital in Panama from 1931 to 1934, and from 1935 to 1940 was Chief of Surgical Service at the Station Hospital (later Brooke General Hospital) Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During the next two years

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Brigadier General DEAN F. WINN, U. S. Army
Who retires from active service at end of this month.

Upon my retirement from active military service and from command of Letterman General Hospital I wish to express my appreciation to every member of the military and civilian personnel for their loyal support and my admiration for the superior manner in which they have carried out their duties. It is with great reluctance that I am compelled to sever my cordial relations with you. The best of luck to you all.

DEAN F. WINN
Brigadier General
U. S. Army

A. M. A. Associate Secretary Looks Over Letterman

Dr. F. H. Arestad, associate secretary of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association was a Letterman visitor this week to make a survey of the facilities on the obstetrical, gynocological, pediatric services of this hospital in connection with the residency training program.

Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services, escorted the visitor on a tour of the wards assigned to the above services, accompanied by Lt. Colonel Harvey C. Boyd, Chief of the Obstetrical and Gynocological Service, and Major Walton M. Edwards, Chief of the Pediatric Service.

Dr. Arestad was on familiar ground during his inspection as he served his internship at Letterman in 1925-1926 and was commissioned in the Medical Corps of the Regular Army in 1926. He resigned a year later to enter private practice.

Colonel Kermit H. Gates, pro tempore commanding officer, entertained Dr. Arestad at luncheon on Tuesday and other guests present for the occasion were Colonel James O. Gillespie, Chief of the Medical Service, who was a classmate of Dr. Arestad at the University of Minnesota Medical School in the Class of 1925, and Colonel Alvin L. Gorby, Sixth Army Surgeon, who was an intern at Letterman contemporary with the distinguished visitor.

Letterman has applied for accreditation by the American Specialty Boards for our teaching program and Dr. Arestad came here in connection with that application.

Greetings and Farewells Extended to Letterman Officers

It was hail and farewell again this week at Letterman as two Lettermanites left and two more arrived. On the departure list were Major Manley G. Morrison, Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients, and First Lieut. Jean Hawkins, Dietitian. On the arrival list were Major Wendell B. Patton, new Assistant Hospital Inspector



MANLEY G. MORRISON
Major, MSC
CO, Det. of Patients

and Officer in Charge of the Pharmacy, and Major Henry A. Hardt, new Adjutant.

Major Morrison, who arrived at Letterman in February 1946, first was assigned as administrative assistant to the Chief of Surgical Service and then became Registrar. He assumed his duties as Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients in April 1946. Under his administration new methods were developed to facilitate handling all affairs pertaining to patients and a well-trained staff was organized.

The major enlisted in the Army in June 1942 and attended Officers' Candidate School at Camp Barkley, Texas before being assigned to the 63rd Medical Battalion. After maneuvers at Bend, Oregon, and at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation in California, he went overseas with the 430th Medical Battalion as operations officer.

He was overseas 16 months and saw most of the European Theater, serving in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany and Austria. Returning to the States in December 1945, he was assigned to Letterman after a 45-day leave. Coming here as a captain, the major received his gold leaves in March 1947.

A native of West Virginia, the major's home is Sun Valley, Idaho. Skiing, golfing, hunting and fishing are his favorite sports. Now he expects to pursue them in Germany, where he will be stationed next.

Also bound for Germany for her next assignment is Lt. Jean Hawkins, who has been a dietitian here since July 1947. A pert brunette, the lieutenant came to Letterman after serving at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. from July 1943 to May 1947.

She came into the Army when everyone was talking "Army" and "got the bug" with a number of girls she knew. Although she did not like the Washington weather, she enjoyed visiting its historical sites and other places of interest. The lieutenant also saw a number



JEAN HAWKINS
Lieutenant, WMSC
Dietitian

of good shows at the hospital because the combat veterans there were given the best in entertainment. Walter Reed provided the best of everything for the veterans and even catered to his special desires in food, she says. Among the patients she helped care for was General John J. Pershing.

After taking her terminal leave in May 1947, Lieutenant Hawkins rejoined because she missed the Army. She was then assigned to Letterman.

A 1942 graduate of the University of North Dakota, she took her internship at Ancker Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota before being commissioned in the Army. The only one in her family, Lieutenant Hawkins claims Grand Forks, North Dakota as her home.

Arriving at Letterman to assume new duties as Assistant Hospital Inspector and Officer in Charge of the Pharmacy is Major Wendell B. Patton, who has just returned from overseas service in Hawaii. The major received his reserve commission in the Medical Administration Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington in 1925. He was active in the Reserve Corps for ten years after that.

When war broke out, he volunteered for active duty and was called to report to the San Francisco Medical Depot at the Presidio in September 1942. When the depot moved to 1855 Folsom Street in February 1943, he moved with it, serving until March 1944 as a medical supply officer.

Transferring to the Army Medical Purchasing Office in New York, Major Patton was in charge of procurement and stock control of all drugs until December 1944. Then he was detailed to the Storage and Maintenance Division of the Surgeon General's Office for the purpose of activating a classification depot. Major Patton activated the depot at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Later he was assigned as the Medical Supply Office of the Army Service Forces Classification Depot at Fort Lewis. He remained there



WENDELL B. PATTON
Major MSC
Asst. Hospital Inspector

until he received his overseas orders in August 1945. The major was assigned to the 219th Station Hospital at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, where he served as Executive Officer and Adjutant until June of this year.

Living with him in their San Francisco home are his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Beverly, aged eighteen. Beverly plans to follow in her father's footsteps and enter his alma mater next February. Major Patton was graduated in 1925 from Washington State College in Pullman, Washington, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy and pre-medicine.

His two favorite hobbies are golfing and flying, with golf taking preference "due to age." Major Patton had part ownership in a plane before the war and he likes small planes.

Also a recent arrival, Major Henry A. Hardt may now be found performing his duties as Adjutant for Letterman General Hospital. A veteran of World War I, Major Hardt entered the Officers' Reserve Corps in February 1922 and took part in its activities until he was assigned to active duty in June 1941.

Stationed at Fort Ord, California until August 1942, the major served as the Transportation and Utilities Officer for the station hospital. He was then the Director of Dietetics at Camp Adair, Oregon. When the commanding officer of Camp Adair was transferred to Camp Beale, California, he requested Major Hardt's transfer. The major then became the Hospital Inspector and Executive Officer for him at Camp Beale. In May 1946, Major Hardt took training in Military Government at Carlyle Barracks, and then was given orders for overseas duty.

For a year he was the Director of Military Government for Deggendorf, Bavaria and, on a rotation plan which did not allow more than a year of service in one place, he became Director of Military Government in Oberveichtach, which



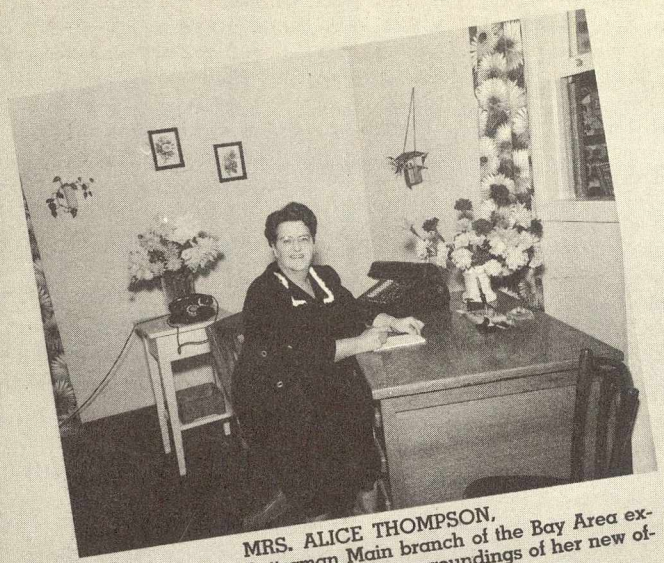
HENRY A. HARDT
Major, MSC
Adjutant

was about five miles from the Czechoslovakian border.

Returning to the United States in May 1948, Major Hardt reported to Letterman and assumed his duties as Adjutant after a 45-day leave. He and his wife live in the Marina district of San Francisco. A son, First Lieut. Henry A. Hardt, Junior, is now flying the air-lift corridor into Berlin.

Before entering the Army, the major worked with the Veterans' Administration in Boise, Idaho, which was formerly his home. Major Hardt was born in South Carolina and plans to settle in California when he retires from active duty.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



MRS. ALICE THOMPSON,
Manager of the Letterman Main branch of the Bay Area exchange beams from the pleasant surroundings of her new office.



MILLION DOLLAR MOWING MACHINE
Is what the head gardener calls this implement. Certainly gets the grass--and in a hurry.



BOWLERS BENEFIT
In the disposition of trophies for the best of the lady keglers. L to R--Capt. Minnie L. Young, Lieut. Mildred B. Kaufman, Sgt. Elle R. Dodson, Pfc. Mary C. Davis, and Sgt. Corinne Cooper.



THURSDAY SHOWS
In the Recreation Center are always a delight to the patients.

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Commanding

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EDITORIAL

'AU REVOIR'

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, who has been in command of Letterman since December 1946, relinquished command this week and left for a brief leave of absence prior to his retirement at the end of the month.

General Winn brought to Letterman an extensive experience as an administrator gained in the organization of Schick General Hospital for the entire period of its existence. He subsequently commanded England General Hospital and Moore General Hospitals, efficiently directing the de-activation of both organizations as the need for hospital facilities decreased.

During his tenure here General Winn increased the stature of this hospital in the opinion of both civilian and military medical circles. Under his direction Letterman took over the title of "The Best Hospital in the Army" and the high quality of professional service rendered to our sick and injured is without equal anywhere.

General Winn takes from Letterman the affection and esteem of all, not only those who have been in close contact with him but also of those who have watched from afar. This soft spoken commander, with the graciousness of the old "Deep South," gentleman, physician, and officer, will be long remebered hereabouts. We do not say "Good by" but only "Au Revoir."



Captain **Geraldine C. Haglund,** ANC, former member of the Letterman staff in the early days of the war, passed through San Francisco last week en route from Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu to her new post at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

New nurses reporting for duty at Letterman are First Lieut. **Helen M. Wargo,** who came from the Philippines, First Lieut. **Thelma I. Sooman,** who was recalled from civilian life, and First Lieut. **Marion M. Matheson,** who saw service in Puerto Rico. Lieutenant Sooman is an ETO veteran.

Our sympathy is extended to First Lieut. **Mary S. Beane,** whose father died early this wek. A former resident of Visalia, California, he was a Letterman patient.

First Lieut. **Florence L. Murphy** (Mrs. Robert Shapiro) is being relieved from active duty and will go to New York to make her home. First Lieut. **Muriel J. Hoffnauer** is also entering civilian life this week.

First Lieut. **Beryl Skelton** is entertaining her sister, who flew to San Francisco from England. Lieutenant Skelton took a five-day leave to see some of the country and Capt. **Winifred Hughes,** who knew Miss Skelton in Englgand, accompanied them.

First Lieut. **Nora S. Zellars** took a 15-day leave to go to Oregon and visit her folks.

First Lieut. **Gertrude Shaffer** of the Physical Therapy Section is going on leave. She will spend a month at Carmel taking care of a house and four dogs for a friend. Captain **Mildred Carter** and First Lieut. **Beatrice Sandhoff** have also taken short leaves to visit Carmel.

Letterman welcomes two new dietitians this week. They are First Lieut. **Alice McFadden** and First Lieut. **Edith Hill.**

The "Steak Parties" at the Marina apartment of Lieut. **Betty Stevenson** and Lieut. **Julie Skellchock** are growing in popularity and if you have not been invited—then you do not rate socially.

WAC

Three more Letterman WACs left this week for the training center for WACs at Camp Lee, Virginia. They were Sgt. Ella Dodson, who has been assigned to the EKG Section, Pvt. **Mary Davis,** who was with the EENT Clinic and Sgt. **Corinne Cooper,** who worked in the Pre-natal Clinic.

Cpl. **Gertrude Churchill** left this week to spend her leave in Ohio. Coming back from leave this week are Cpl. **Ella K. Craig,** Sgt. **Dorothy Guy** and Sgt. **Christine McConnell.**

Congratulations go to **Stella Goodman** who this week was promoted to corporal. The rank is not entirely new for her, as he was a technician fifth grade until the ratings were changed recently. Stella is assigned to Central Service.

Letterman lost another WAC to civilian life this week when Sergeant First Class **Margaret Bell** was discharged. Margaret had been in service for four and a half years, coming to Letterman last November. She was assigned to hospital work while stationed in Italy and worked in the Dental Clinic here. Now she expects to work in San Francisco.

Now wearing a sparkling diamond is Pvt. **Leatrice Lamascus,** who received the gem last weekend. The lucky man is Sgt. **Don Kincannon,** who is stationed at Camp Cooke and made the journey especially to present the ring. Leatrice will show you the ring if you stop at Ward 40.

The ball team travelled to Berkeley last week for its last pre-tournament game against the Grove Park girls' team. The WACs didn't fare too well, however, and came out on the short end of a six to two score. The Grove Parkers took the Berkeley league trophy in spite of Letterman's efforts to hold them down. Monday the team left for Camp Stoneman to take part in the Sixth Army tournament there. Results of the tourney will be in next week's column.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 29 August, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Farewell Reception

Brigadier General and Mrs. Dean F. Winn were guests of honor at a reception held in the Letterman Officers Club on Thursday evening on the eve of their departure from San Francisco.

General and Mrs. Winn were assisted on the receiving line by Brigadier General and Mrs. Leonard D. Heaton and Colonel and Mrs. Kermit H. Gates.

In attendance were all the officers and ladies of the garrison and during the evening Mrs. Winn was the recipient of a gift from the club and presented in a brief talk by General Heaton.

Hostess House

The building on Broadway, opposite the former Dante Annex, which was occupied as Nurses' Quarters for the past few years, has been converted into a Hostess House for the convenience of families of patients undergoing treatment at Letterman. Other military personnel and dependents will be accommodated when space is available.

The Hostess House will be operated by the Bay Area Exchange and open for business on Wednesday, 1 September.

Alligator Caught

The Miami (Florida) papers recently printed a story about a five foot alligator being captured near the Jackson Memorial Hospital in that city. Our former commander, Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, is the medical director of that institution.

Wonder if the alligator was a local politician slightly disguised and hoping to nip the general on the heel.

ON THE SPOT



ALBERT J. EYLES
Corporal

Corporal Albrt J. Eyles, now on duty with the Separation Section, attended Holmes Night School in Oakland, Pennsylvania, and entered the army in July, 1941. Originally from Pittsburgh, he received basic training at Ft. Monmonth, New Jersey, and was then assigned to Ft. Slocum, New York as a switchboard operator for the Headquarters Escort Guards.

In December 1944 he arrived in France and was among the first men to be assigned to the newly activated 9th Field Hospital Unit. He served with that outfit throughout the rest of combat and on into Germany where he was stationed in Ludwigshaffen, near Heidelberg.

Shortly before the Japanese capitulation, "Al" found himself with the "79th" on its way to Manila, but due to the turn of events, it was rerouted to Boston. Then like most of the soldiers, he was discharged, but not for long. The sudden changeover from his role as a soldier to that of a civilian was far too contrasting, and in December, 1945 he re-enlisted from Orlando, Florida.

Again destined for Manila, he was once again "rerouted" and "Al" found himself at the last minute scratchd from shipment orders and reunited with the "79th" in Galesburg, Illinois until the unit was broken up. Al was assigned to Letterman in November 1946.

One of his most interesting hobbies was making daily notations in a diary which he carrier throughout the war, brought back to the states, and then lost here at Letterman. His other hobbies include golf, bowling, horseback riding, music, and reading.

He has completed over seven years service and plans to stay at Letterman. Al intends to re-enlist in December for "another three years," His present campaign ribbons include the American Theater of Operation, the ETO ribbon with one battle star, and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The president of the Letterman Stamp Club, **Sgt. Ann Rooda,** is returning to duty at Tilton General Hospital. Her duties are being assumed by Lt.-Col. **Laurence MacIntosh,** of ward A-2. At the present time the club members are preparing one-page topical exhibits to be displayed at the September 13 meeting of the club. New members and visitors are always welcome at the weekly meetings of the club, which are held each Tuesday at 1915 hours in the Rec Hall.

The time which Cpl. **Ellis McDiffett,** of ward 20 has been waiting is almost here. In a very short time Ellis will leave Letterman for a 30-day leave. Following his return he anticipates discharge.

Cpl. **Anthony "Sandy" Gacioch,** of the 6930 ASU and one of the physical instructors at the Letterman Pool has now joined the "patient ranks" at Letterman. Sandy claims he is in the hospital due to a foot injury, but the overall opinion of his friends is that he needed a rest from the "fast and furious" life he has been leading.

The Women's Ward at Letterman definitely takes on the "new look" when Grey Lady Mrs. **Verne Lee** gives facial demonstrations on the wards.

The Creative Writing Group is now sponsored by Mr. Kenneth MacNichol, of the Pencraft College of San Francisco. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Present members include Lt. Col. **Westly Semple,** Ward A-1; Lt. Col. **John Heninger,** Ward D-1; Captain **William Miller,** Captain **Irwin Hart, Lt. William Kelley,** and Lt. **Rudolph D'Avila** of Ward D-2; Sgt. **Darrel Trum** and Pfc. **Richard Eyestone,** of Ward 27; and Sgt. **Howard Rice** of Ward E-2.

Ward E-2 appears to be among the more active spots this week as far as hobbies are concerned. M/Sgt. **Ralph Stone** is reportedly doing "okay" in his "bass fiddle maneuvers." Ralph, as you know, is the lad who brings out the background on the bass for the hill-billy band.

Word reachs us that Sgt. **Ralph Brooks** of Ward E-2 has recently returned from spending a very enjoyable leave in Los Angeles.

"Congrats," and here are a few squibs for Sgt. **George King** and Pvt. **Edmond Mullen** of Ward E-2, on the swell jobs they've done on leather billfolds. They are now engaged in plastic research.

Each week a problem is presented to the chess club members for solution, with answers to be turned in to Mrs. **Mili Hendrix** in the Recreation Hall. Best of luck goes to **Harlan Abshier,** a veteran player, and we hope this week's problem is as easy for him as others have been.

This column would not be complete this week without honorable mention to **Darinka Parker,** of Ward M-2, for the swell modeling job she did last week in the Occupational Therapy shop. She says that this was her first experience in that type of work.

Hill Billy Band

The Letterman Hill-Billy Band, now officially known as "The Ramblers," will be heard over Radio Station KLGH at 1615 hours Monday through Friday, and will also appear twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday, on the Troop Information and Education Quiz Show.

The vital connection between freedom and education has long been recognized. But we have naively thought of education as the teaching of children. That illusion must be destroyed. Under the complicated and perplexing conditions of modern life, free government becomes possible only in so far as the adults, the voters, of all nations are linked together in systematic attempts at mutual acquaintance and intellectual cooperation. Schools and colleges are merely preparatory to the learning on which the welfare of humanity now depends.—**Alexander Meiklejohn.**

The nature lover in our office advises us to protect birds: The dove brings peace, and the stork brings exemptions.

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. GENEVIEVE ALLAIN
Dry Cleaning Plant

One of the Letterman "Old-timers," Mrs. Genevieve Allain, leads a dual life. She works in the Bay Area Exchange dry cleaning plant during the day and comes home to keep house and prepare dinner for a family of six when the normal working day is through. However, "Gen," as she is known to almost everyone, never lacks enthusiasm and vigor for her activities.

Gen, who immediately gives a person the feeling of warmth and friendliness, is prepared to stay at Letterman as long as the Army will permit. She came to the hospital in June 1942 and proceeded to make friends with the majority of people who visited the dry cleaning plant.

"There are so many new people here now, though," she says, "that I really don't know very many of them."

She has been with dry cleaning establishment at two locations here and plans to make the move with the plant again in the near future. Of the twenty employees there, Gen is one of the five who has been with the Bay Area Exchange since 1942.

Gen was born in San Francisco and was in the restaurant business for about ten years before she assumed her job at Letterman.

"The kids still think I'm in business. They come home at any hour and expect their meals," she stated, but she went on to name cooking as one of her hobbies. Her favorite dishes are Italian foods.

The Allain family, which lives in Daly City, consists of Mrs. Allain, Mr. Roy Allain, two foster sons, Albert Ketchum, and Charles McAvoy, a daughter, Adrienne, and a thirteen-year-old son, Jack. Gen is justly proud of her family and would rather talk about them than herself.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bernice Blake, Sergeant Major's office, returned to her desk this week after spending two weeks in Lake County with her sister and **Zita Kelly,** Insurance Office, is enjoying three weeks vacation with her family.

Emily Knepp, Dental Clinic, is flying to Pennsylvania where she will spend five week while **Frances Ahrens,** Sick & Wounded office, will take two weeks vacation.

Upon her return from a week end spent at Russian River with **Kathleen O'Shea,** Hospital Inspector's office, **Olga Radich,** Training office, discovered her mother had been rushed to the hospital where she recently underwent an emergency operation. We extend every wish for a rapid recovery.

Iva Carnes has transferred from the Separation Center office to Physical Medicine Service.

Bill Swan, genial ward personnel supervisor is resigning to return to his former profession as a school teacher. He will resign September 10 and will teach in San Francisco.

Mary Gill, Civilian Personnel, is resigning August 27 to enter Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa. Mary is a June graduate of St. Paul's School in San Francisco. With her go the best wishes of her friends here at Letterman.

Theodore Schmierer has returned to Letterman and Medical Supply in the role of a civilian, and we are glad to see him back. He recently retired from the army after 22 years service at Letterman.

The following ward personnel are resigning to attend college: **Marvin Spanner, William Knapp, Laurin Ainger,** and **Pembroke Brawner, Jr.**

We extend welcome to **Gerald AuClaire** and **Pearl Flatten,** who recently joined the Laboratory Service.

Belated birthday greetings to **Fred Stone** and **Elizabeth Thomas,** both of Civilian Personnel, who recently celebrated birthdays.

Four employees of the hospital mess received letters of commendation last week from Major Thomas R. Jones, hospital mess administrator, for their perfect attendance record during the past year. They were Hannah Kirby and Grace LaGore, mess attendants on ward A-1, Russell Jeffers, mess attendant at Crissy Annex, and Eugene Rau, baker, general mess.

IF IT'S COLOR YOU WANT—ASK TO SEE CAPT. HILL'S OWN MOVIES



Captain BERNICE HILL, ANC,
Who recently joined the Letterman Staff

If you would like to see technicolor movies of the United States, Philippines, Holland, France, the Bavarian Alps, Switzerland or Austria and have a narrator explain the beautiful scenes, the person to contact is Capt. Bernice Hill, for in her Army travels the captain has been to all these places armed with an eight millimeter movie camera. She estimates that she has between 3000 and 4000 feet of color film.

Captain Hill was in the Nurses Reserve Corps from 1931 at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado until May, 1933, when she left the service. She took post graduate work in obstetrics, surgery, hospital administration and ward management at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas and then returned to the army as a "regular." She was first assigned as head nurse of the surgical section in the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In June 1937 she went to the Philippines and got out "by the skin of her teeth" before Pearl Harbor. "They needed two Army nurses on each transport returning to the States and I had a high priority," she explains.

After arriving at Oakland, Captain Hill was stationed at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia and then at Fort Wardsworth, Staten Island, N. Y. Leaving there, she went to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia in September 1942 and in March 1943 was transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas. She then became Chief Nurse at the Camp Gruber Station Hospital in Oklahoma and in April 1945 went to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Overseas service beckoned in February 1946 and she was assigned as Chief Nurse in the 110th Station Hospital in Vienna, Austria. While there, she had the opportunity to see Hermann Goering's collection of captured world art masterpieces which had been restored by American troops. Captain Hill was also Assistant and Acting Chief Nurse at an orthopedic hospital in Stuttgart, Germany.

She returned to the States in March 1948, went on leave, and then attended a three-month course in Hospital Administration at the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Early this month she was assigned to Letterman.

Home, to the captain is "where I throw my hat," but San Antonio, Texas is her legal residence. Formerly she lived in Denver, Colorado and trained at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Denver.

She hopes to get her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Washington in Seattle before long, but also wants to take time to get in her car, take her camera and see more of California.

More About GENERAL WINN

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he was surgeon of the Harbor Defenses in Boston.

General Winn became commanding officer of Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, when it was organized in 1942, and remained until the hospital closed in 1945. He served as commanding officer of England General Hospital in Atlantic City, N. J., from December 1945 until July 1946, and of Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina, from September 1946 until the hospital closed and he came to Letterman in December of that year.

He is a graduate of the Army Medical School and of the Advanced Course, Medical Field Service School. He has been decorated with the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding services during World War II.

General Winn is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an Honorary Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, and a member of Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity.

General and Mrs. Winn plan to visit their daughter near San Antonio, Texas for the immediate future.

A farmer watched with amazement as his soldier-guest put away portion after portion of chicken. After dinner they were sitting on the porch when a rooster strutted by.

"My," exclaimed the military man, "that's a mighty proud looking rooster."

"He should be," said the farmer. "He's just given two sons to the Army."

MEDICAL DETACH

According to his "buddies," Sergeant First Class **Clarence Carrick** of the Clinical Records Section has acquired the "New Look" as regards civilian clothes. They say, however, that Clarence is not overly obvious because that "screaming" red necktie takes most of the attention.

Pfc. **Floyd Ward** of the Out Patients Branch says that he wakes up in different surroundings practically every morning. It seems that Floyd's "barracks mates" have the habit of moving him, bed and all, into such places as the latrine.

Sergeant First Class **Rudolph "Rugged Rudy" Schellhorn** of the EENT Clinic says that he is ready and willing to act as bouncer and "keeper of the peace" at the Detachment picnic, scheduled for Sunday the 29th.

Sergeant **George E. Woodward** of the Dental Clinic has a somewhat civilian occupation. He owns an alligator ranch in Florida. George says that the approved method for handling these "pets" is to have a gallon of "corn" on hand at all times, one half for yourself and the other half for the alligator.

Due to lack of space, this column will just say congratulations to the 15 men who received promotions on the seventeenth of this month.

M/Sgt. **Robert Walsh** has been transferred from the X-ray Clinic to the Registrar's Office.

Congratulations to Sergeant First Class **Herbert Newton**, Secretary and Treasurer of Letterman's NCC Club, who became the proud father of an eight pound boy last week. Newt says that it is an old story for him. This one makes him a "papa" four times.

Sergeant First Class **Joseph Surowicz** of the Hospital Service Branch, who has made this column several times by his "deeds of derring do" in softball, has had his athletic abilities curtailed for awhile. Joe broke his leg last week while playing ball at Fort Ord.

It was Farmer Brown's first visit to the big city. In the window of a large department store he saw a sign: "Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Clothing."

"Gosh!" he said, "It's about time!"

THE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM KEEPS COL. GLASCOCK IN TRAINING



Lt. Colonel HAROLD W. GLASCOCK, Jr.
Who was a Letterman visitor last week to view the Residency Training program.

The officer with the bulging brief case, who drops in at Letterman for very short visits at frequent intervals, is Lieutenant Colonel Harold W. Glascock, Jr., who holds the title "Chief, Professional Branch, Education and Training Division, Office of the Surgeon General."

Colonel Glascock is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, and a graduate of the university of his home state, after which he acquired his medical degree at the New York University. He interned at Bellevue Hospital in New York City and then followed four years of private practice in Raleigh.

The colonel was commissioned in the Medical Corps reserve and called to active duty in 1940. He was stationed successively at Camp Jackson and Camp Maxey before going overseas to the Pacific area with the 10th Army in August 1944. In December of the same year he was assigned to command of the 22nd Station Hospital on Oahu and in July of 1945 he was moved to command the 318th General Hospital which he took over to Wakayama, Japan. Six months later he was again shifted to the command of the 364th General Hospital in Kyoto where he remained until ordered back to the mainland in February 1946.

For the next three months the colonel was a neighbor of ours as he took a refresher course at Oakland Regional Hospital before being ordered to the office of the Surgeon General in the Pentagon Building. The Residency Training program was then in its early stages of planning and development and Colonel Glascock soon became one of the very active officers connected with the project. He had previously decided to make the army a career and was integrated into the Regular Army with the first increment of the medical officers in July 1946.

In his capacity as Chief of the Professional branch the colonel spends about half his time away from the Pentagon in visits to the five teaching hospitals of the army medical department, and in frequent conference with the heads of the leading medical schools throughout the country. The Residency Training program is now going in high gear and it is Colonel Glascock's responsibility to keep it well oiled at all times. The brief case is always packed for a sudden flight to any part of the country on notice of a squeak in the machinery.

Colonel Glascock was married to Miss Dorothea Jaslow, of Montreal, Canada, in 1934. They have no children, and pursuant to his peregrinations, practically no home life.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Letterman fishing boat is back in service and took aboard a load of anxious anglers the past Sunday. The group had as its HTU representatives First Sergeant **Tea Garland,** Sergeant First Class **James Mitchell** and Sergeant **James Oisten.** Sergeant Oisten brought in the largest number of fish with a total of 29 for the day. Not to be outdone, Sergeant Garland landed the biggest specimen, a 15-pound cod. The total catch numbered 63.

Corporal **Reginald D. Johnson** returned from a 30-day delay en route which he spent with his family in International Falls, Minnesota.

The hospital ship "Hope" arrived 23 August with 181 patients aboard. HTU personnel have been rather busy since her arrival and, coupled with regular ward duty, the personnel have been readying hospital cars for the railroad evacuation of the patients.

Master Sergeant **Frank O'Connor** and Pfc. **Joseph Helms** are on TDY to Tucson, Arizona where they are taking a patient.

Promotion day at HTU saw Recruits **William E. Barr** and **James C. Phelps** raised to the rank of Private and Private **Ralph C. Talley** upped to Private First Class.

New members of the organization are Pfc. **Bennie Campos, Cpl. Fred Farris** and Cpl. **James Souder.** We take this opportunity to welcome them and wish them the best of luck in their new assignments.

Troop Information And Education

All military personnel and RA officers who may wish to further their education under the provisions of the Department of the Army Circular No. 146, dated 20 May 1948, are urged to contact the T I & E Officer, Bldg. No. 1039.

Preliminary arrangements have been made with the University of San Francisco to begin such evening classes on the Presidio in September as may be required by registrants.

1. A high school diploma is sufficient for registration plus a satisfactory AGCT score. (Any deficiencies in college entrance requirements may be worked off after matriculation.)

2. The University will accept work completed through USAFI and will award units for satisfactory completion of courses at Service Schools in accordance with the "Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services" published by the American Council on Education (Tuttle Hand Book).

3. Basic Training will be accepted as the equivalent of its basic ROTC course (Lower Division) and will award 8 units therefor. OCS will be accepted as the equivalent of its advanced ROTC course (Upper Division) and will award 16 units therefor.

4. Credits secured by attendance at classes of the Evening Division of the University on the campus and credits secured by attendance at classes set up by the University and held at the Presidio will be regarded as residence credits.

5. Pro rata costs will be paid under Project 501 Fund—75% of costs to be paid by the Government up to $25.00.

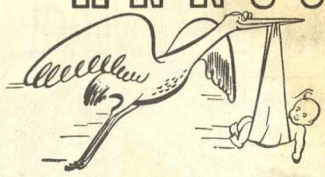
6. Army nurses are advised that theUniversity has a planned course for nurses leading to a B.S. degree.

Consult the local T I & E Officer to insure.

1. That high school credits and college courses already taken are properly listed and transcripts of records are available.

2. That all military experience and training have been listed on USAFI Form No. 47, "Application for Credit for Educational Achievement During Military Service," so that these experiences may be properly evaluated in terms of academic credit.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To Pvt. and Mrs. Kwang Y. Wong, a boy, **Kok Jones,** born 7 August.

To Captain and Mrs. Edgar B. Warner, a girl, **Pamela Lee,** born 8 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Genous S. Hodges, Jr., a boy, **Genous Sanders,** born 8 August.

To Pvt and Mrs. Robert E. Nunnelee, a boy **Johnny Ray,** born 8 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Wilfred A. Weisheit, a boy, **Michael Alan,** born 9 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John G. Lynch, a girl, **Cheryl Patricia,** born 9 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William G. Langston, a girl, **Lolita Gene,** born 9 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Cassell Branner, a girl, **Irene,** born 9 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Matthew Reshard, a girl, **Sandra Gale,** born 9 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Wilford R. McKee, a boy, **Jack Roger,** born 10 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William A. Miller, a girl, **Helen Marguerite,** born 11 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence B. Tuers, a boy, **Terry Berten,** born 11 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John C. Calhoun, a girl, **Cheryl Lee,** born 11 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. James T. Robertson, twin girls, **Linda Joy,** and **Loretta Sue,** born 11 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. George T. Smith, Jr., a boy, **George Thomas, III,** born 11 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William H. Trawick, a boy, **William Ernest,** born 12 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Henry C. Cyr, a boy, **Stephen Claude,** born 12 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Morgan, a boy, **Fred Morris,** born 12 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Frank A. Kouche, a boy, **Frank Anthony,** born 12 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Theodore L. Sinks, a boy, **Richard Douglas,** born 12 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Gong Lee, a boy, **Lee Chel Ton,** born 12 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles H. Sherwood, a girl, **Dianne Rosetta,** born 14 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William E. Brinley, a girl, **Mary Margaret,** born 14 August.

To Captain and Mrs. Walter D. Hammer, a boy, **Bradford Shea,** born 14 August.

To Sgt and Mrs. Alfred M. Sanchez, a girl, **Linda Maria,** 15 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Wah Chin, a girl, **Joyce,** 15 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Willie W. Allen, a girl, **Sally Marie,** born 15 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. George W. Miller, a boy, **Curtis Paul,** born 16 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lester A. Spangler Jr., a boy, **Howard Jerome,** born 16 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Antonio Trevino, a boy, **Joseph Louis,** born 17 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Ralph M. Mantooth, a boy, **David Melville,** born 17 August.

To Captain and Mrs. Gregg Henry, a girl, **Ann Baremore,** born 18 August.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer E. Mecham, a boy, **Ronnie,** born 18 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Prince Albert Cason, a boy, **Fred Albert,** born 18 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert Ray Eisenberger, a girl, **Patricia Irene,** born 19 August.

To Sgt 1/c and Mrs. Dale Sheldon Pettit, a girl, **Linda Carole,** born 19 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Leonard James Morris, a girl, **Sheila Ann,** born 19 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. William Scott Wilson, a boy, Patrick L., born 19 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William J. Crosby, a girl, **Sylvia Ann,** born 19 August.

To Captain and Mrs. Melvin Hayes, a girl, **Deidra Gail,** born 19 August.

To Major and Mrs. Edward A. McGough, a girl, **Ann Romaine,** born 19 August.

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert S. Willard, a girl, **Kathleen,** born 20 August.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Jess B. Simmons, Jr., a girl, **Dianna Elizabeth,** born 20 August.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration advised veterans to give their National Life Insurance policies periodic "three-way checks" to make certain that their NSLI programs are consistent with their plans, obligations and incomes.

The "three-way check" should cover (1) beneficiaries, both principal and contingent; (2) manner in which proceeds are to be paid to beneficiaries; and (3) amount and type of NSLI in force.

Many veterans fail to name new beneficiaries when they marry or when a designated beneficiary dies.

If a veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary is alive at the time of his death, proceeds of the insurance go into his estate and are subject to inheritance taxes. Final distribution of the proceeds may not be that which the veteran would have desired.

Changes in family status or family income often require a veteran to change the method of NSLI settlement. He may elect to have his NSLI proceeds paid to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in equal monthly installments ranging from 36 to lifetime income.

The type and amount of NSLI owned by a veteran should be that which best fits his pocketbook and gives him the most coverage, VA said. NSLI policies include term, ordinary life, 30-payment life, 20-payment life, endowment at age 60, endowment at age 65, and 20-year endowment.

QUESTION: May I name more than one beneficiary to my National Service Life Insurance?

ANSWER: Yes. You may divide the amount of your policy between two or more beneficiaries. You may also name one or more contingent beneficiaries.

QUESTION: I am a World War II veteran and have been totally disabled for a few months. At the end of my sixth month of total disability, will I have to continue paying my National Service Life Insurance premiums or is a waiver granted automatically.

ANSWER: No automatic waiver of premiums is ever granted. A veteran must be totally disabled for six months before he may apply for a waiver of premiums. You are entitled to file a claim for refund of those premiums you paid from the date on which the waiver became effective.

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All Composers Are Eligible in Army Song Contest

All military and civilian song composers here are eligible to submit entries in the Sixth Army regional division of the Army Song Contest recently announced by the Department of the Army. The search for a new official song—one with a stirring military rhythm that soldiers can march to and with words and melody they can sing—will open with a preliminary contest limited to the eight states in the command and prizes will be awarded for the five best songs. A selection of 25 songs will be forwarded to the nationwide contest. The five prize-winning songs will be announced on Army Day, 1948 and they will be publicized by recordings on V-discs, published in Army-Navy Hit Kits and performed on Army radio shows.

The following rules will govern entry to the Sixth Army area contest:

1. Songs must be accompanied by official entry blanks which may be obtained through Special Service officers of any Army installation in the Sixth Army area.

2. Completed entries may be brought in person or mailed to the Sixth Army headquarters on or before November 15, 1948. Entries brought in person should be delivered to the Sixth Army Special Service Officer, Bldg. 35, Room 311, Presidio of San Francisco. Mailed entries should be addressed: Commanding General, Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, Attention: Special Service Officer.

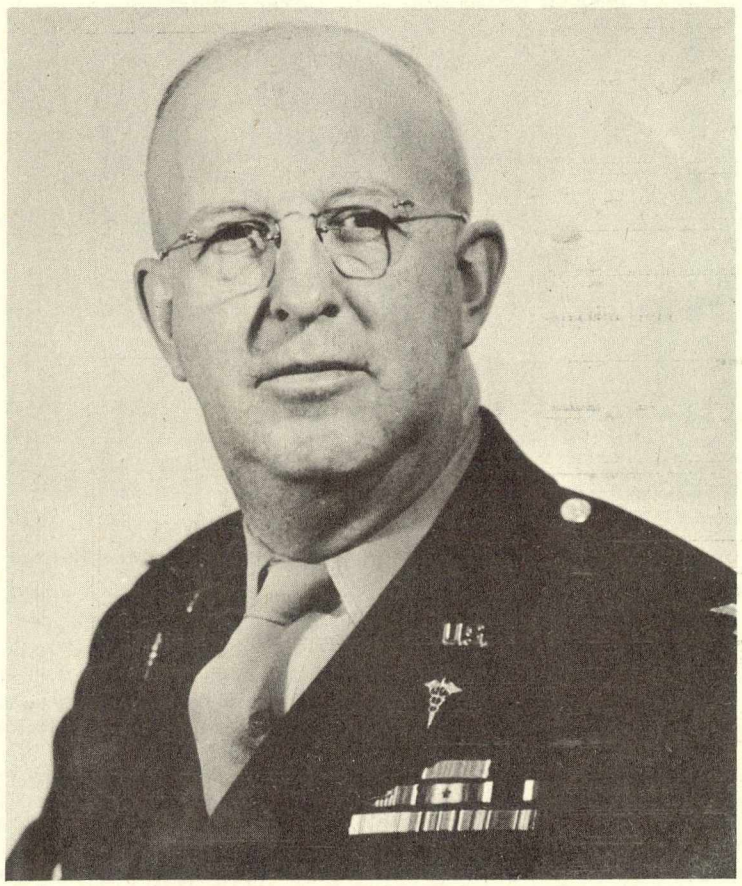
3. No more than one entry may be submitted by any one participant. A song written by more than one individual will be considered as a song entry.

4. Composers and authors of all winning entries at both regional and national levels will grant to the Government of the United States, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, a non exclusive royalty-free license to the unlimited performing, playing, recording, publishing, and motion-picture rights of their entries.

5. No liability or responsibility is assumed by the Army for the loss of or damage to any entry submitted or any entry not submitted in accordance with rules one and two.

6. Entries must be original in title, words, and music, and of approximately standard length. The music should be of military character, written in a rhythm and range which can be easily used for marching and singing, and will include a piano part (treble and bass clef). Lead sheets will be accepted only if complete with chords.

7. Songs will be judged on the basis of originality, melodic and rhythmic appeal, fitness of words, and over-all suitability of the song for general Army use.



Brigadier General FRANK L. COLE, U. S. Army
Who assumed command of Letterman General Hospital

General Cole Takes Over the Command Of Letterman

Brigadier General Frank L. Cole assumed command of Letterman this week and brought into reality a thought he has been holding for a long time. The thought took form originally during the five years he spent here on the Surgical Service a little more than ten years ago.

General Cole is a native of Idaho, and received his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1914. He entered the Army in 1917, and was graduated from the Army Medical School that year. He served with the American Expeditionary Forces from July 1918 until December 1919, and during that time was Division Orthopedic Surgeon for the 85th Division, and later was Chief of Surgical Service at a Base Hospital in Paris.

From 1924 until 1928 he was at John Hopkins University School of Medicine. During the following three years he was Chief of Surgical Service at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. Then came his five-year tour of duty on the same assignment at Letterman. From 1936 until 1940 he was Chief of Surgical Service at Walter Reed General Hospital, and during the next two years he served in the same capacity at Army-Navy General Hospital. He was Camp Surgeon at Camp Hood from 1942 until 1944, then assumed command of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital for the following year. From 1945 until 1946 he was commanding officer of Wakeman Hospital Center. For the past two years he has been the Chief of the Surgical Consultants' Division, office of the Surgeon General.

General Cole's World War II decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Advanced Training Arranged for Army Nurses

Nurses who are interested in improving their education and expanding their experience may now take advantage of the graduate educational program for the Army Nurse Corps. The present program is divided into five main categories: basic training; three specialties, namely operating room technique, anesthesiology and psychiatric nursing; and administration.

Some of these opportunities are available at Letterman. A post graduate course in Operating Room Technique and Management and a course in anesthesiology have been established here. Nurses may apply also to take university training, attend workshops conducted at the University of Pittsburgh in the School of Nursing Education, attend Army Medical schools and take correspondence and extension courses.

Beginning with basic training, the nurse is oriented to the Army organization and functions to which she is assigned. The course provides the officer with a working knowledge of the Medical Department and an orientation to its relationship to the Army as a whole. This includes 74 hours in administration, including 24 hours of ward management, 30 hours of orientation to military medical, dental, surgical and neuropsychiatric subjects, 50 hours of preventative medicine, 39 hours of logistics, tactics and techniques, and 60 hours of military training. It is conducted every two months at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

LETTERMAN OFFERS SPECIALTY

Letterman offers one of the specialties which follows basic training —Operating Room Technique and Management, which gives the nurse an opportunity to become highly efficient and gives her special adaptability and skill. Twenty eligible students are trained yearly in this specialty, with each hospital conducting two classes a year and a quota of five students for each class.

Another phase of specialized training, psychiatric nursing, helps complete the nursing education by stressing the mental and emotional aspects of illness. With the help of Brigadier General William Meninger and members of the nursing committee of the American Psychiatric Association, a six months course was planned and put into effect at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas in June 1946.



Lt. Col. KATHERINE E. BALTZ, ANC
Consultant in Nursing Education, Office of the Surgeon General

Here the student receives 230 hours of formal classroom instruction with 580 hours of practical application and clinical demonstration. Of the 275 nurses qualified in neuropsychiatric nursing which are needed, the total now trained in this specialty is 137. In order to meet this need, a course was established at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C. It is five months in duration, accommodates 25 students and is conducted twice yearly.

ADMINISTRATIVE COURSES OFFERED

The nurse also has an opportunity to prepare herself for administrative duties by taking any of the three courses available. A course in Hospital and Nursing Administration is conducted at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and other courses in Nursing Administration are offered at the University of Minnesota, the Teachers' College of Columbia University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Another course in Hospital Nursing Administration at the Medical Field Service School is three months long and consists of such subjects as organization and functions, personnel administration, psychology of leadership, and a brief orientation to the administration of all departments within an army hospital.

University training is also offered to ten to twelve nurses yearly and it is desired that these nurses have previous college credit and have held administrative or teaching positions and have demonstrated adaptability as an administrator and leader. Those without college credit may also apply.

An advanced Medical Department Officers' Course is available at the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston. Conducted to train officers for staff level positions, this course is for those experienced as chief nurses and/or in a headquarters assignment. A quota of five nurses is selected by the Surgeon General.

In addition to this, a two-week workshop on various nursing specialties, such as Building the Staff Educational Program, Improving Bedside Nursing Care, and the Administration of the Nursing Service, is also conducted periodically at the Univeristy of Pittsburgh.

WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED

Two workshops for a course in nursing administration have been scheduled for this year, one from 13 September through 24 September for section supervisors and the second from 18 October to 29 October for chief nurses. These are to be conducted on a seminar basis.

Nurses are encouraged also to take evening classes at colleges and universities or take correspondence courses. Information on correspondence courses may be obtained from the Troop Information and Education officer here.

Early in 1946, a curriculum for a course in anesthesiology was compiled and put into effect at four selected Army General Hospitals. Training consists of eleven months in an Army hospital and two months in an approved civilian hospital for clinical experience in the administration of anesthetic agents not commonly employed in Army hospitals. Satisfactory completion of the course qualifies the individual for examination by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and a passing grade on examination will result in registration by the Association.

At present the course is conducted at Letterman, Walter Reed, Brooke and Percy Jones General Hospitals. With the present schools it is possible to offer this training to approximately 24 nurses yearly. The requirement for qualified nurse anesthetists in the Army is 210 with only 138 presently available.

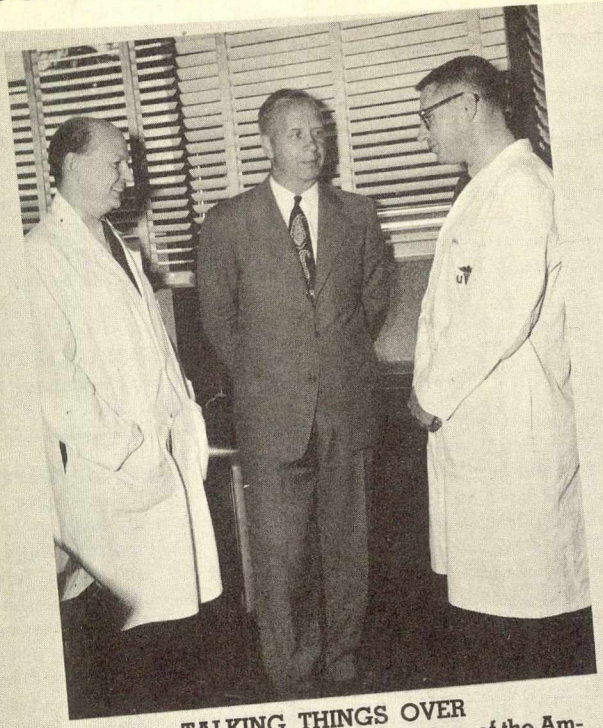
Upon satisfactory completion of a special course, the individual is given a MOS in that specialty and is utilized in that field of nursing insofar as the exigencies of the service permit.

APPLICANTS ARE SCREENED

Applicants for all courses are screened by the candidate's chief nurse. With the exception of university training, all courses are available to Regular Army nurses and Reserve nurses on extended active duty who expect to remain for three years following completion of

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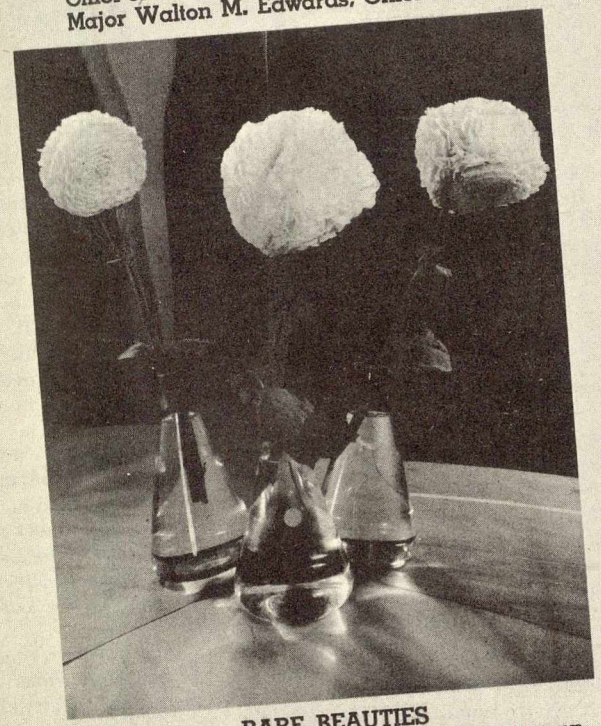
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



TALKING THINGS OVER
Dr. F. H. Arestad, Associate Secretary of the American Medical Association, discusses the training program with Lt. Colonel Harvey C. Boyd, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynocology (left) and Major Walton M. Edwards, Chief of Pediatrics.



THE HOUSE OF HARRIS
Sends out a popular duo to liven things at the Recreation Center



RARE BEAUTIES
Snowqueen dahlies grown at the Letterman greenhouse under the direction of Fred Dernisse, head gardener. Four blooms on each stem are a very rare occurence.



IT WAS A FUNNY SHOW
And that, too, came from the House of Harris in San Francisco.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME

The garrison of Letterman General Hospital extends a hearty welcome to Brigadier General Frank L. Cole who assumed command here on Wednesday.

General Cole is no stranger in these sacred precincts and his advent is really a home coming. Like all who have the good fortune to serve here he lived in hope of coming back and it is the realization of a fond dream to return as the Commanding General.

The general brings to his new post the experience of 31 years in the service and a reputation of being keenly qualified along professional as well as administrative lines.

Some of us have known him longer than we care to admit and it is our recollection that he was ever worth knowing. We believe everyone in our midst will speedily join the lengthening list of the admirers of our new Commanding General.

Welcome, General Cole.



Lieut. **Ruth Wall** of the Physical Therapy section spent last weekend visiting in Carmel. This weekend Lieut. **Betty Herne** and ex-Lieutenant **Denny Coonz** will go there to visit Lieut. **Gertrude Shaffer.**

Lieut. **Betty Miller,** who broke her ankle in the Sixth Amy softball tournament, is plannig a leave to Los Angeles and then to Pennsylvania. She and a friend will be driving.

Capt. **Marie L. Pace** was pleasantly surprise when she walked into the mess hall on 26 August. The day marked 30 years in the Army nurses Corps for her and it was appropriately celebrated with a decorated and inscribed cake. A true Southern, Captain Pace is from South Hill, Virginia.

Our sympathy is extended to Major **Carrie Barrett,** who lost her father recently. He passed away while she was on her way to her home in Dendron, Virginia.

Major **Lena Vanderwood** is going on a 30-day leave to her home in Libbey, Montana and First Lieut. **Gloria Saffield** is going to Seattle, Washington on a seven-day leave. Major **Anne K. Pilegard** will spend a six-day leave around San Francisco and First Lieut. **Marguerite Laetsch** will take 30 days to visit in Worchester, Mass. First Lieut. **Anna B. Astrosky** is taking a 30-day leave to visit her home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she was born, lived and took her nurse's training.

Captain **Bernice Hill,** whose trips through European countries provided a lot of subjects for movies, showed her films to the nurses and gave a lecture on them last week. Refreshments were served after the movies. Captain Hill, who was assigned to the Chief Nurse's office, has been transferred to Fort Lawton, Washington.

Orders have come in for Lieut. **Harriet Hansen** to report to Bremerhaven, Germany for her next assignment in Europe. She will take a 16-day leave first to visit her parents in Tilten, Nebraska.

WAC

The Letterman WAC softball team returned from Camp Stoneman last week somewhat the worse for wear and tear after the Sixth Army tournament. Fort Ord beat Presidio for the championship after both teams had beaten Letterman in earlier play. The local nine fought valiantly, but just couldn't win in spite of a superb home run by Cpl. **Norma Underhill** in the Presidio game.

Things got off to a bad start when Lt. **Betty Miller,** catcher, broke her ankle sliding into second during the first game. She was hospitalized first at Stoneman and then transferred back here. Lt .**Frances Harllee,** who said she had not done any catching since sand-lot days, came in from the outfield and did an excellent job replacing her, however. Then Sgt. **Lou Hedding,** who is on TDY as a recruiter here, stepped in to give Letterman enough players to continue.

Aside from softball games at Stoneman, Cpl. **Underhill,** Corporal **Betty Wugan,** Lieutenant **Harllee** and Captain **Minnie Lee Young** took time to go fishing in one of the better spots near the camp and caught 31 striped bass, "not counting the little ones," according to Corporal Wugan. Then they cleaned them and, thanks to the cooks in the Camp Stoneman WAC Mess Hall, had a fish dinner. Everyone returned with a fiery sunburn and aching bones and muscles.

It's finally happened! After being instrumental in recruiting everyone else in the Regular Army, First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** has signed on the dotted line and extended her service for three years.

Sergeant First Class **Grace K. Davis** is back from a three-day pass which she spent in San Francisco and Corporal **Jean Marsland** is back from a 30-day leave which she spent at her home in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Jean's trusty little Ford took her all the way home and back again. Also back with the detachment after 36 days in the hospital is Sergeant First Class **Margaret A. Drescher.**

Pfc. **Lorraine R. Fincher,** who had been stationed at Hamilton Field will report in to be stationed at Letterman when she finishes a 30-day leave. Cpl. **Stella Goodman** is on leave, which she will spend in Pennsylvania.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 5 September, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Chess Master Here

Mr. George Koltanowski, internationally known chess master, will appear at the Recreation Hall on 29 September at 1400 hours. Born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1903, the Belgian "quiz kid" learned chess at the age of 14, soon became a recognized master, and has since traveled the world over playing and teaching the game.

He knows the world's chess masters, with whom he has played for 25 years and illustrates each lecture with sparkling and humorous anecdotes about the chess immortals.

Marine Corps and Army Casualties

Statistics, disclosed recently, revealed a close parallel between casualties of overseas Army personnel and those of the United States Marine Corps.

Research revealed that a total of 10,400,000 were mobilized by the Army during World War II. Seventy per cent of this number—7,280,000—were dispatched overseas to combat areas. Of this number, 3.2% were killed.

This figure is included in a total of 13.2% causualties in the Army.

The Marine Corps figures disclosed that a total of 573,424 were mobilized in the ranks of the Leathernecks. Of this number, 96%—or 540,487—went overseas for combat duty.

The casualty figures show that of the total number of Marines dispatched overseas, 3.6% were killed in action. The total number of casualties in the Marine Corps was 13.1%.

The total number of Army dead was 225,155. The Marine casualty figures showed 19,496 dead.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE E. WOODWARD
Sergeant

Entering the Navy on a "Friday the Thirteenth" in December, 1940, Sergeant George E. Woodward took boot training at the Norfolk Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia, and then attended Hospital Corps School at Portsmouth and the Dental School at Great Lakes, Illinois. In In November 1941 he was, assigned to the Fleet Marines, First Raider Battalion, Quantico, Virginia, and later sent to Philadelphia to assist in the commissioning of the Aircraft Carrier, "USS Princeton." If you ask "Woody" what ship is most famous in the Navy, he will more than likely answer, "The USS Princeton," more affectionaly known as "The Little P." Woody served on that proud and illustrous carrier from the time of her commissioning in November 1942 until October 1944, when the fighting "Old Lady" went down while engaged in the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines.

Wood served as a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class through the campaigns of Truk, Rabaul, Bougainville, Guadalcanal and Saipan, where he was hit by shrapnel and hospitalized for seven months. To him the Little P was FIRST—first as the fastest ship of the Third and Sixth Fleets, first in breaking all aircraft records except gunnery, first in crossing the equator a record number of approximately 102 times in two months, and first in making a "hit and run" on Tarawa in October 1943.

After the war's end, Woody was hospitalized for a year for convalescence, and then discharged on 6 December 1946. He reenlisted in the army in June 1948, and is now assigned to the Dental Clinic.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The hospital ship "USS Hope" recently arrived from the far eastern ports of Japan and Korea, bringing with it approximately 300 patients. To all of them we wish the best of luck for a speedy recovery and hope that they find, as an untold number of others have, that Letterman is the "hospital with a soul."

Master Sergeant **Ralph Stone** of Ward E-2 seems to be improving nicely. He is now able to go on pass. He spends most of his leisure hours with his wife and two months old son in Oakland.

Mr. **S. Michael** of Ward 31 and a veteran of World War I is reportedly contemplating becoming a violin soloist, for nearly all the members of the Hill Billy band have been discharged from the hospital. Two of his "podners" left this week. They were Pvt. **"Swede" Myers** and Pvt. **James Milhorn.**

If it were proper, we would extend a hearty welcome to Pfc. **Edward Warman** of Ward F-1, who is here "for a few days" from Camp Stoneman. However, we'll just say "Get well soon, Ed."

A belated but very special recognition goes out his week to Sergeant **Mitchell Patterson** of Ward 2 for the beautiful and artistic signs and posters he has been making for the YMCA. Also, special thanks to alll the men who have in the past contributed their time and effort in decorating the "Y" for its dances and parties.

Pfc. **Harold E. "Nick" Nichols** has returned to duty with Troop Information and Education after spending a week in Ward F-2.

Corporal **Anthony Gacioch** of Ward F-2, who is better known as "Sandy" has been "resting" in the hospital for the past two weeks. His coworker at the Letterman pool, Pfc. **Mike O'Toole,** has been complaining that he has to do all the work.

"Fish! I never want to hear the word again." These were the words of Sergeant **William Riley** of Ward 3 after visiting Fisherman's Wharf over the weekend. It seems that he had a complete fish dinner, but it didn't agree with him.

Pfc. **Clinton A. Schwingler** of Ward K-3 recently received his high school diploma from Jordan High School, Jordan, Minnesota as a result of successfully passing the GED tests given by Troop Information and Education.

To Mr. **Oscar Esch** of Ward E-2 the past week might well have included Christmas, for he has now been awarded a wheel chair "due to outstanding improvement." Oscar is a veteran of World War I.

A correction to an item which appeared in last week's column—Corporal **Ellis McDiffett** has informed us that "the time for which he has been waiting" has not arrived and he will be with us for awhile yet, instead of taking his furlough.

East West Friction Hampering United Nations Efficiency

New York (AFPS)—Friction between the East and West—direct and indirect—has been the case of almost every setback in the work of the United Nations during the past year.

U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie disclosed this fact in his third annual report on the functioning of the United Nations.

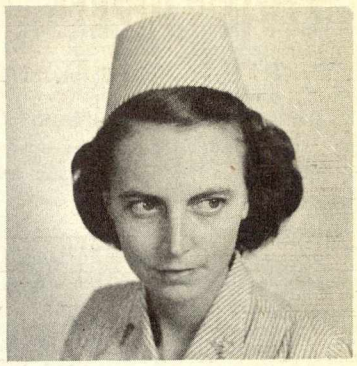
The United Nations, Mr. Lie said, has continued to stand for brotherhood in the midst of all voices that talk of national policy in terms of military strategy and tactics, adding—"as if the building of peace were a matter of offensives and counteroffensives, of break throughs and infiltrations . . . "

Emphasizing that people must no longer think of the U. N. as an infant to be protected from the harsh realties of world politics, Mr. Lie declared that it is time to stop justifying the setbacks experienced in the work of U. N.

He urged that the world recognize the U. N. as a main force that holds the nations together against all the conflicting strains and stresses pulling it apart.

The report then delves into the political and social changes that the world has undergone since the end of the war, stating that it would be a grave mistake to believe that most of the world has any intention of accepting as gospel any single ideology, whether it be the communist doctrine of the classless society or the most extreme capitalist version of a free enterprise system.

DO YOU KNOW?



IDA M. FARISS
First Lieutenant, WMSC

A peaceful drive up Tagaytay Ridge in the Philippines almost ended in disaster for First Lieut. Ida M. Fariss, a new dietitian at Letterman. The lieutenant and her companion were stopped by a dozen armed and masked bandits, lost two cameras, a wrist watch and about $75.00 to them and were held by the robbers for about 30 minutes.

They had stopped and held three cars and 12 people before the lieutenant came along. Then they disappeared without taking any of the four vehicles. They were never apprehended.

In this way her hobby of photography was almost stopped permanently, but with a new 35 milimeter camera and plenty of color film the lieutenant is going strong again.

Lieutenant Fariss entered the army in June 1943 as a dietitian at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida and soon afterward was transferred to Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she remained for two and a half years. Following a short time at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, she was transferred to Saoul, Korea in June 1946 and later to the 10th General Hospital near Manila in the Philippines. She came back to the States in July of this year, spent a short leave at her home in Mountainview, Oklahoma, and then came to Letterman.

Lieutenant Fariss is a graduate of the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in food and nutrition. After a year of interning in a Philadelphia hospital, she became a dietitian in that city.

She says that she does not want to return to Korea, liked the Philippines and is ready now to go to Europe for a tour of duty.

CIVIL CIRCLES

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to **May Beswick,** Commanding General's office, on the death of her sister, Hilda, who passed away recently. Mrs. Beswick is back at her desk after three weeks leave.

Helen O'Connell, Detachment of Patients, recently entered St. Mary's Hospital as a patient and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Lillian Jones, Dental Clinic, is looking quite rested, rosy and relaxed these days, having just returned from a two-weeks vacation at Rio Del Mar.

"Freddie" Biehl, Library, recently returned from Seattle where she spent two weeks leave. She attended school in Seattle and says her leave gave her the chance to "revisit scenes of the crime."

Elizabeth Bringman, Medical Supply, is on duty again after two weeks leave which she spent on short trips to Clear Lake, Russian River and Santa Cruz.

Madeleine Rose of the Chaplain's Office entertains her friends at lunch time by reciting Macbeth and her audience is reported quite attentive.

Libby Snooks, PX Cafeteria, spent one day fishing at Napa, and one day watching a football game during a recent weekend and the results were plenty of fish, a good time, and a nice tan.

Frances Parry of the Laundry reports her house in tip-top shape now that her husband has finished painting it inside and out. Frances returned last week from three weeks leave which she spent home. She visited Calistoga for one day but found it "extremely hot."

Three days of fishing were enjoyed by **Bill O'Brien,** Record Room, in Santa Cruz recently and he reports a good catch.

Judy Bean, Military Personnel, was notified recently of her appointment as First Lieut., WAC, in the Reserve Corps and the news made her one happy gal.

We extend welcome to the following new employees at Letterman: **Anne Gaffney,** Civilian Personnel, **Irene Torok,** EENT Service and **Judith Sharp** Occupational Therapy Shop.

"My father was a great Western politician in his day."

"Yeah, what did he run for?"

"The border."

CAPT. CARTER WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF A BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S HOME



Captain MILDRED S. CARTER, WMSC
Becomes Assistant to Chief of Physical Therapy

Captain Mildred S. Carter, who was on leave when she learned in a letter that she would be stationed at Letterman, is the new Assistant to the Chief of the Physical Therapy Section. A congenial, grey-haired lady, she knows well how to take care of people, for she spent seven and a half years in a children's home taking care of youngsters from six to 18 years old before taking her physical therapy training and starting to care for convalescent patients.

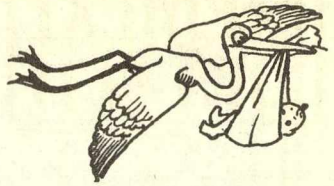
Captain Carter entered the army in October 1943 at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, where she spent a month being oriented to army ways. Then she was assigned to the Buckly Field hospital near Denver, where she was in charge of the Physical Therapy department for three years. Her next move was to Lowry Field, Colorado with the same hospital, where she held the identical job for another two years. She was transferred to Letterman in late July of this year.

Captain Carter was a physical education student at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N. Y. and received her Master of Arts degree at Saint Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. She then became house mother and superintendent of a children's home in Brooklyn. "We had as much trouble with relatives as we did with the children," she stated. "Some were orphans and some were from broken homes. It was difficult to be impartial, but it was necessary." There was a staff of six to care for approximately 30 children.

After the war broke out, Captain Carter became conscious of the need for physical therapists and entered the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City to take physical therapy training. With the intention of entering the Army, she trained at this hospital from January through September 1943. She was accepted in October 1943, intends to stay in the Army, and hopes to see service in Hawaii.

Claiming East Springfield, N. Y. as her home, Captain Carter boasts of three brothers who served during the war. One was in the Navy and two were in the Army.

Her favorite hobbies are swimming and tennis, but she has not played any tennis in San Francisco yet. She likes the city, but like most residents here, does not like the fog.



To Sfc. and Mrs. Herman H. Berry, a boy, **Michael David,** born August 20.

To Sfc. and Mrs. Herbert E. Newton, a boy, **Craig Jay,** born August 21.

To Sfc. and Mrs. John E. Cheeseman, a girl, **Linda Elizabeth,** born August 21.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert J. Lindgren, a girl, **Linda Joan,** born August 21.

To Lt. and Mrs. Winfred E. Patterson, a boy, **Tommy Reginald,** born August 21.

To Sfc. and Mrs. Earl Wayne Brown, a boy, **Robert Wayne,** born August 22.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harry W. Burden, a girl, **Ann Sharon,** born August 22.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Tripp, a boy, **Stephen Anthony,** born August 22.

To Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Richard Garcia, a girl, **Patricia Michele,** born August 23.

To Captain and Mrs. William H. Kilborn, a girl, **Mary Katherine,** born August 24.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Joseph D. Miller, a boy, **Albert Wesley,** born August 24.

To Pvt. and Mrs. John Frank Packer, a girl, **John Frank,** born August 24.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles Ellsworth Shipley, a girl, **Cindy Lou,** born August 24.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Louis Davis, a girl, **Shirley Ann,** born August 25.

To Captain and Mrs. Carle Lamont Blackman, a girl, **Carla Lynne,** born August 25.

To Sfc. and Mrs. Vernon C. Saulsbury, a girl, **Louise Yvonne,** born August 25.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Harry R. Eckert, a girl, **Sharon Ann,** born August 25.

To Lt. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hauschild, a girl, **Tina Rae,** born August 25.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations to the Board of Governors of Letterman's NCO Club for a very successful "Barn Dance" party held 20 August. Sgt. **Willard Seales** of the Physical Reconditioning Branch won the $15.00 prize for the "tackiest" costume, while Master Sergeant **Frank O'Connor** walked away with the $20.00 prize for having the top "cowboy" glad rags.

According to the boys, it is a very good thing that **David L. "Blackie" Blackburn** of Physical Reconditioning got married. Black is the boy who tried to fry hard-boiled eggs when he was working at Letterman's NCO Club.

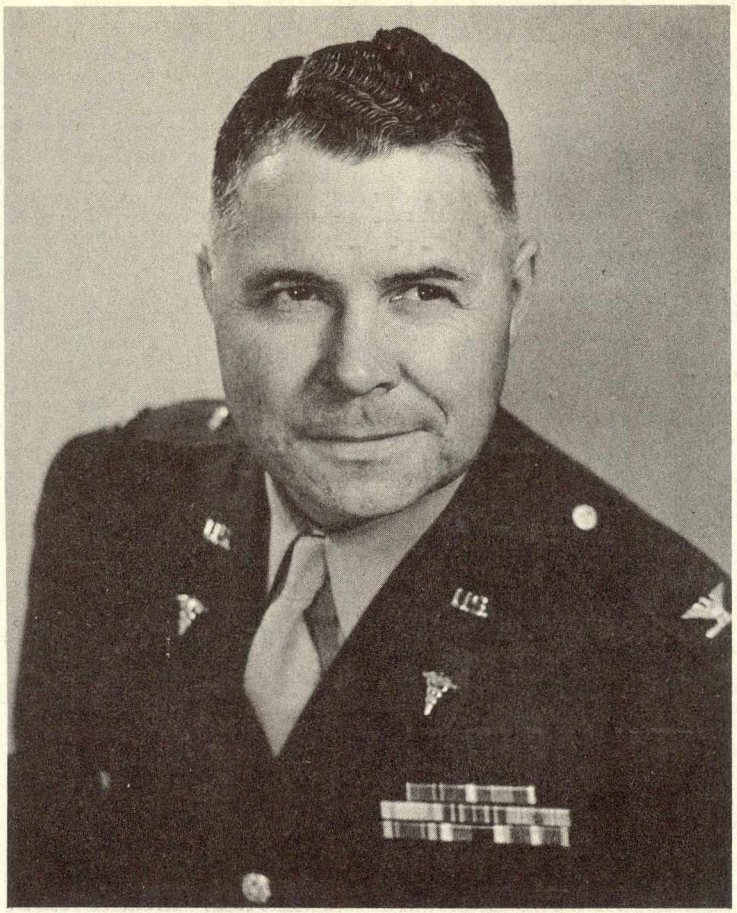
Sergeant First Class **Guy Shortz** of the Troop I & E Music Section, who recently made the column as the Maestro of the Hill-Billy Band, had a visitor this week—his son, **Guy Junior,** aged 24 and a wartime member of the Air Corps.

A retraction—or rather a modification to a paragraph in last week's column in regards to the Detachment picnic; it is now tentatively scheduled for 19 September at Boyes Springs.

Cpl. **John Perrin,** a former patient here, has now been assigned to duty with the Registrar's office. John recently returned from a tour of duty in Germany.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our deep regret in losing Master Sergeant **James Horton** as a member of the Troop I & E staff. "Jim," former lecturer for TIP and reporter for the Foghorn, is being assigned to the University of California as an ROTC instructor. His duties will be assumed by Cpl. **Edward Sans.** And while we're speaking of **Sans,** if you happen to see a blue streak flash by, don't get excited and go on sick call. It's neither your imagination nor a Flying Saucer. **Sans,** who recently made this column with news of selling his "Chevvy," returned from Sacramento last weekend with a "racer" model bicycle. It seems that with his new assignment as lecturer he had to have a more expedient means of commuting back and forth to the lecture room.

COLONEL STAPLETON TAKES OVER AS LETTERMAN'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Colonel JAMES B. STAPLETON
Assumes duty as executive officer

Colonel James B. Stapleton, Letterman's new executive officer, comes here with a very recent degree which helps make him just the man for the job. Last month he received his Master of Arts in Hospital Administration at Northwestern University.

The colonel entered the Army in 1933 as a general duty medical officer at Fort Benning, Georgia immediately following his internship in a New Orleans hospital. Prior to that he had received his MD degree from Tulane University and his AB from the University of Alabama.

After spending two years at Fort Benning, Georgia, he transferred to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania as a student in the Medical Field Service School. Later he was at Fort Banks, Mass., working in obstetrics and surgery. In June 1937 he was assigned to the 11th Medical Regiment for duty at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and in July 1939 he was sent to Fort McPherson, Georgia for duty as an obstetrician and surgeon.

Subsequently he was the officer in charge of the Enlisted Technicians School at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and in October 1944 he was sent to Okinawa, first as the executive officer and later as the base surgeon. In May 1946 he became the Chief Surgeon of Army Forces in the Western Pacific and in February 1947 he assumed new duties as commanding officer of the 20th Station Hospital in the Philippines. He returned to the States in July 1947 and then attended school

Colonel Stapleton's family consists of his wife, Muriel, and three children. Sue is 12, Jim is six and Patricia is eight weeks old. The Stapletons live at Letterman.

Claiming he is now too busy for hobbies, Colonel Stapleton says he likes golf but has neglected it sadly for the last six or seven years. His home town is Doltham, Alabama.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Three unit cars left for points east with 22 members of the HTU aboard. The click of the wheels is old stuff to some of the men and the trips seem somewhat routine. However, quite a few of the members of the expedition are on their initial trips and the excitement that preceeded the departure of the cars can be traced to them. Best of luck on the journey is extended from those of us who remained behind.

Pfc. **Albert Jeffers** is missing a pair of OD pants. He doesn't quite know just how or where he lost them, but would appreciate any information that might lead to their recovery.

Sergeant **James Peyton** is at the present time enjoying a very handsome convalescent furlough, and we might add, who wouldn't?

Corporals **Raymond Alexander** and **Reginald Johnson** are still having trouble with their laundry. It seems that they have "wash day blues" of another kind—namely, they can't find the stuff after they get it to the barracks. A search is being made for a kleptomaniac by the two victims.

The train unit has 16 new corporals as of 26 August. The following list is of those who made the grade: **Abeyta, Alexander, Bowman, Butler, David, Ferguson, Frederick, Garrett, James, Palmeri, Sellers, Sessums, Sullivan, Valdez, Walker** and **Winters.** Congratulations and cigars are very definitely in order.

Six new members of the HTU arrived this week. They are Corporal **Gerald L. Whitaker,** Privates **James R. Spradley, Roland V. Reyes, Angel Gonzales** and Recruits **Raymond C. Guajarado, Jr.** and **Jack R. Smith.** A cordial welcome to HTU from the "old timers."

Landlady: "You're two months behind in your rent. You'll have to leave."

Lodger: "Without paying you? Never!"

Pfc: "Aren't you engaged to Susan?"

Sgt.: "Not any longer."

Pfc.: "That's smart of you. Never could see what you saw in her. She's fat, dumb and homely. How'd you get out of the engagement?"

Sgt.: "We were married last month."

MORE ABOUT ADVANCED TRAINING

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the course. Only Regular Army nurses are eligible for university training. The method of application is as outlined in current Army directives, with applications for civilian training to be in the Surgeon General's office at least three and a half months prior to the registration date of the course.

Special requirements are as follows: Administration; demonstration of administrative ability by occupying positions as head nurse, supervisor, assistant chief nurse or chief nurse. Anesthesiology: unless the individual has had the army course in anesthesiology and has been engaged in the administration of it, the age limit will be restricted to 35. Operating Room Technique: a minimum of four months graduate experience in the operating room. The age limit is 40, with exceptions granted.

The training program for Reserve nurses not on extended active duty is still in its infancy with many phases as yet in the planning stage. However, those assigned to Class A, B, C, or affiliated units are eligible to attend training meetings scheduled for the unit. Sub-courses selected from extension courses are also available by contacting the Department of Extension Courses, Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. A one-week course in Atomic Energy is available at Walter Reed General Hospital as is the Basic Medical Department Female Course and the Medical Department Associate Advanced Course at Fort Sam Houston. Further information about these courses may be obtained by writing to the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Longevity retirement benefits for members of the Reserve components are granted for time spent on active duty and satisfactory service performed during periods of inactive duty. This is after a reservist reaches the age of 60, has completed 20 years of satisfactory Federal Service as a member of the Reserve, and has met standards of performance which require her to be active in the Reserve. Retirement benefits are given at the rate of 2½ per cent of the pay of the highest grade held during the period of service multiplied by the number of years of satisfactory service.

No Opposition

They Floated Down to A Dream Come True

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Pacific sun beat down unmercifully on the American Airbase as small units of the 11th Airborne Division scrambled aboard C-47s for a combat mission behind Japanese lines.

True, there had been whispers—but only whispers—that Japan was ripe for invasion, that she might even be ready to surrender. No one took them too seriously. But maybe this was it.

In rapid succession the planes were loaded. Down the runways they roared. Destination: Atsugi Airfield, near Yokohama.

After a short over-water hop the mainland was sighted. Equipment was checked and rechecked. Static lines were tested. Then, last minute instructions.

The "jumpmaster" watched the red light glowing up ahead. The red light suddenly went off and the green flashed on.

"Is everybody happy" shouted the jumpmaster. "Let's go."

Out they tumbled, by the numbers. Soon the air was filled with billowing canvass, landing smack in the heart of Japan.

Instead of the anticipated ack-ack and small arms fire, the paratroopers were greeted with an ominous silence. Not a plane challenged. Not a shot fired. Atsugi airfield was seemingly deserted.

"So this is Japan . . . and we're here . . . and no fight!"

The paratroopers cautiously closed in. Japs began to appear from behind buildings. Meekly they came forward carrying white flags and bowing almost to the ground. They treated the Americans to a courteous, friendly reception.

The next day these first units were followed by airborne landings in force. Those whispers about Japan surrendering grew louder, more insistent.

This Must Be It!

When the news broke that General Douglas MacArthur had established main headquarters in Yokohama (Sept. 1, 1945), there was no question any longer about what was going on. Japan was on the verge of surrender.

The United States 8th Army was coming ashore, primed for occupation, not combat. Soon American control was extended rapidly throughout the Tokyo Bay area.

This Was It!

Surprised, happy Americans read news bulletins that Gen. MacArthur and representatives of the Allied Nations that had fought in the Pacific had received representatives of the Japanese Government aboard the mighty battleship Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay.

At almost the same moment, the surrender was being consumated in Tokyo Bay and President Truman was speaking over the radio to the people of the United States:

"My Fellow Americans," the President began, "the thoughts and hopes of all America—indeed of all the civilized world—are centered tonight on the battleship Missouri. There on that small piece of American soil anchored in Tokyo Harbor, the Japanese have just officially laid down their arms. They have signed terms of unconditional surrender. . . ."

Date—September 2, 1945.

Girl Deer Hunter Gets Her Quarry Hard Way

Ukiah, Calif. (AFPS)—Women quite often go about things in a way men consider unorthodox, but more frequently than not they eventually arrive at the desired result.

A case in point is Miss Mary Ruddock's deer hunt.

Miss Ruddock shot a buck in the leg. It fled down a 50-foot embankment. Attempting to follow it, she slipped and tumbled toward the creek at the bottom.

She landed on the creek bank, almost on top of the deer. The wounded animal attacked her. She hit it on the head with her rifle, breaking the barrel. Stunned, the deer fell into the creek and drowned.

Miss Ruddock ate venison.

Tax Refunds for Estates of Vets Under New Law

Dependents of deceased World War II veterans who get death compensation checks from the Veterans Administration will receive individual reminders this month of their possible entitlement to income tax refunds, and of the necessity of applying for them before the end of this year, VA said today.

The refunds, authorized by Public Law 367 of the 80th Congress, apply to certain income taxes of members of the armed forces who died while in active service between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1947. Application must be made by December 31, 1948.

In cooperation with the Treasury Department, VA is inserting a notice with each death compensation check for the month of August, advising the beneficiary of the law's provisions and how to apply for refunds.

Subject to refund under the law are all Federal income taxes paid by or on behalf of such members of the armed forces for the taxable year in which they died, and for prior tax years dating back to December 7, 1941, during any part of which they served.

Most members of the armed forces—particularly enlisted men—were exempt from income tax under special wartime law. Consequently, the number entitled to rebates is not expected to be large, and the notice advises dependents first to make sure taxes actually were paid before seeking refunds.

Forms for applying may be obtained from the office of any collector of internal revenue (Form 843). VA stressed that applications for refunds and any correspondence on the subject also should be directed to the Collector of Internal Revenue where the tax was paid, and NOT to VA or the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington.

Parking lot: A place where you leave your car to have dents put in the fenders.

Library

Most Americans know very little about India. It exists in our minds as a vast country peopled by extremes of economical conditions; we know of the fabulous wealth of the maharajahs and the extreme poverty of the masses. But we know little of the middle class. Joseph G. Hitrec hopes to dispel these illusions in his new novel, "Son of the Moon," the story of a handsome young Hindu who becomes well known because of a solo flight from India to England. He is ambitious to convert his countrymen to schemes of modernizing India. But he is held in leash by his family and ancient Hindu custom. Inevitable discouragements drive him into passionate but casual love affairs, and he fights against the orthodox, family-arranged marriage. This is a rich picture of modern India, contains a moving love affair, and gives us an insight long needed. A Harper prize novel, and a probable best seller. In the Library.

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General Bliss and Party at LGH En Route to Hawaii

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General of the Army, and a party of high ranking medical officers of the Armed Forces as well as a group of distinguished civilian physicans were overnight guests at Letterman on Tuesday. The party was en route to the dedication ceremonies for the new Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii.

The visitors were entertained at a reception and buffet supper at the Letterman Officers Club where the Surgeon General met the officers of the garrison and the members of the civilian consultant staff.

The group left early on Wednesday morning for the flight to Honolulu. Accompanying the Surgeon General were:

Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, The Surgeon General of the Navy; Major General Malcolm C. Grow, Air Surgeon; Dr. Warren P. Dearing, Deputy Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service; Major General John M. Willis, Commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center; Major General Norman T. Kirk, former Surgeon General of the Army; Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army; Brigadier General Leonard Heaton, Chief of Surgery. LGH; Rear Admiral J. T. Boone, Exec. Sec'y to the Committee on Medical and Hospital Services of the Armed Forces; Rear Admiral Paul M. Albright, MC, Asst. Chief for Planning and Logistics; Colonel M. G. Phillips, Chief, Nurse Corps; Colonel A. L. Tynes, Chief, Hospital Construction Branch, SGO; Colonel William Powell, Member of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Medical and Hospital Services of the Armed Forces; Colonel Elbert DeCoursey, MC, Chief, Laboratory Service, Brooke Army Medical Center; Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna, LGH; Lt. Commander A. H. Nelson, MSC, Adm. Asst. to Chief of Bureau; Captain Lee R. Gulley, Office Secretary of the Air Force; Dr. Herman G. Weiskotten, Dean, Syracuse University, College of Medicine, Syracuse, New York; Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, Dean, Duke University, School of Medicine, Durham, N. C.; Dr. Carleton Mathewson, Surgeon, San Francisco Hospital, San Francisco, Jerry Gross, Editor, Washington Report on the Medical Sciences and Public Relations Consultant to The Surgeon General.



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army
Who was a Letterman visitor this week.

New Army Policy Assures Promotions For More Personnel

(AFPS)—"The Army intends to wage war on administrative failure to promote qualified personnel to grade 6. We have just liberalized our promotion rules for this grade in connection with the implementation of the Warrant and Enlisted Career Guidance Program. We intend that all promotions authorized under this program be actually made. We want to put and end to personnel, qualified for promotion to grade 6, going overseas in the seventh grade.

"We want to take care of some of our men in hospitals who have hitherto been denied grade 6 promotions because they were not permanently assigned. We want to insure that successful school students, who are otherwise eligible, are promoted without fail to grade 6 before leaving the school."

With this encouraging statement by Major General John E. Dahlquist, Acting Director of Army Personnel and Administration, it was officially announced recently that current regulations were being revised to make sure that such promotions are actually made.

Wording of that portion of the current regulation which states that qualified personnel in grade 7 "may" be promoted to grade 6 by their commanding officer has been changed to a stronger "will be promoted."

The changes in current regulations also make clear the status of patients assigned to Detachment of Patients in hospitals and students of technical schools. All such personnel are hereafter to be considered "permanently assigned," to satisfy the regulations requiring permanent assignment as a prerequisite for promotion to grade 6.

Four New Dental Interns Start Training at Letterman

If you ask any one of the four new dental interns at Letterman, he will tell you that the hospital is a nice place to be stationed, offers good training for interns and has some of the best instructors in the country. The interns have a heavy schedule to follow, for in their year here they will be found working on a



RICHARD T. STREET
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

rotating internship in Oral Surgery, Operative Dentistry, X-ray and Oral Diagnosis, and Periodontia and Prosthetics.

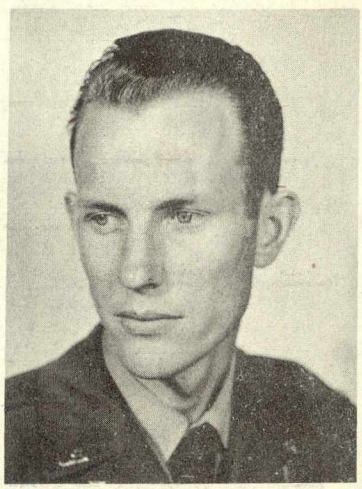
During internship training appointees are commissioned as first lieutenants in the Organized Reserve Corps, and during the year of active duty they receive the pay and allowances of that grade. At the close of their year's service, they may apply for a Regular Army dental commission if they desire it and if they have proved acceptable. They take their training under the direction of the Office of the Surgeon General. These interns are First Lieut. Simon Nord, Junior, First Lieut. Charles B. Bingham, First Lieut. Robert J. Krenz and First Lieut. Richard T. Street.

First Lieut. Simon Nord, Junior, is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland's College of Dental Surgery. He requested an internship at Letterman because it is near his home in Encinitas. The lieutenant comes here with his wife and two children.

Lieutenant Nord was at the University of California in the ERC in 1942 when he was sent to Fort Benning for the basic Army Specialized Training Program. When that was discontinued, he was transferred to the Infantry for about six months, following which he was transferred to the Corps of Engineers at Camp McCain, Mississippi.

While he was there he received a telegram telling him of his acceptance in dental work and he was then assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a dental assistant. In 1944 he entered the University of Maryland under the new ASTP and continued his dental work.

Lieutenant Nord comes from a family of physicians, but did not care for medical work because he saw too much of it. His father, who is a retired physician, was a medical officer in World War I. He had



SIMON NORD, JR.
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

taken post-graduate work in Berne, Switzerland and Vienna, Austria.

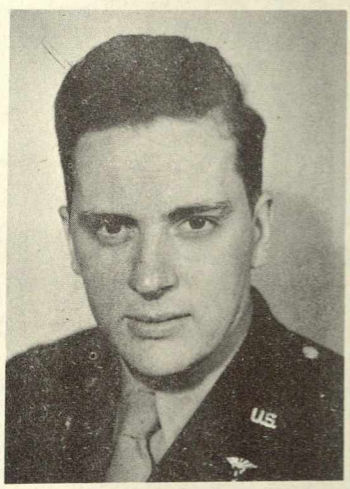
The favorite sport of Lieutenant Nord is fishing and he boasts of a recent 40-pound catch of mostly rock cod and sea bass. He also likes photography, but his efforts along that line have been hampered by his sister, who "borrowed" his Argoflex.

First Lieut. Charles B. Bingham started his dental career at Utah State University in Logan, Utah and later attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake. In June 1944, he enlisted in the Navy and spent three months as a hospital corpsman at the Naval Convalescent Hospital, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He was then accepted for the Navy V-12 program, which put him in Cleveland, Ohio at Western Reserve University in August 1944. After a year and a half of school, he was discharged from the navy in November 1945 and continued his dental course at Western Reserve through June of this year.

Although he preferred taking his internship at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Lieutenant Bingham is well pleased with his second choice, Letterman. The only reason he preferred Fitzsimons was because it is nearer his home in Vernal, Utah. Added to his military experience are two years of ROTC training at Utah State and three years of membership in the National Guard unit of engineers at Vernal.

The lieutenant attended school in Vernal, where "there are millions of us" in the family. Nine of the 11 members of the family are living and an older brother was in the service. The rest are girls. A bachelor, the lieutenant says, "I'm looking every day."

His only hobby is flying and he has a license but no plane, so is consequently looking for a donor. Lieutenant Bingham doesn't know whether he will stay in the Army



ROBERT J. KRENZ
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

when his internship is up, but he admits a great possibility. Until he tried the army, he had his mind made up that the navy was better. His heart is set on going back to school and making a further study of oral surgery, however.

First Lieutenant Robert J. Krenz is an Illinois man through and through. He entered the Army in June 1943 from his home in Mendota, Illinois. Luck was with him and he took basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois. After a short stint at Camp Barkley, Texas, he again landed in his home state and was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Chicago. But that ended the lucky streak.

He was next assigned to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado and in September 1944 was discharged from the army. Following this, he entered the University of Nebraska, received his Bachelor of Science degree and continued his studies in dentistry. He was graduated in June of this year and received his degree as a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Lieutenant Krenz then reentered the army for assignment to duty as a dental intern at Letterman. He and his wife, Maralyn Jean, have one son, Robert John, Junior. He is anxiously awaiting their arrival from Illinois and expects them "any day now." The lieutenant's chief off-duty activities are hunting and fishing.

First Lieutenant Richard T. Street, who comes from Glendale, California, entered the army in August 1942 and was assigned to Camp Barkley, Texas for basic training. After completing basic, he was stationed with the Army Specialized Training Program unit at UCLA. In April 1943 he was transferred to O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, where he attended Dental Technicians School until



CHARLES B. BINGHAM
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

June of that year. Later he was transferred to the School of Dentistry at the University of Kansas City and in September 1943 was discharged from the army.

Following his discharge, he became an instructor in physics at the Kansas City School of Dentistry. While he was there, and as a sideline to his curricular activities, he was the edtior of the American

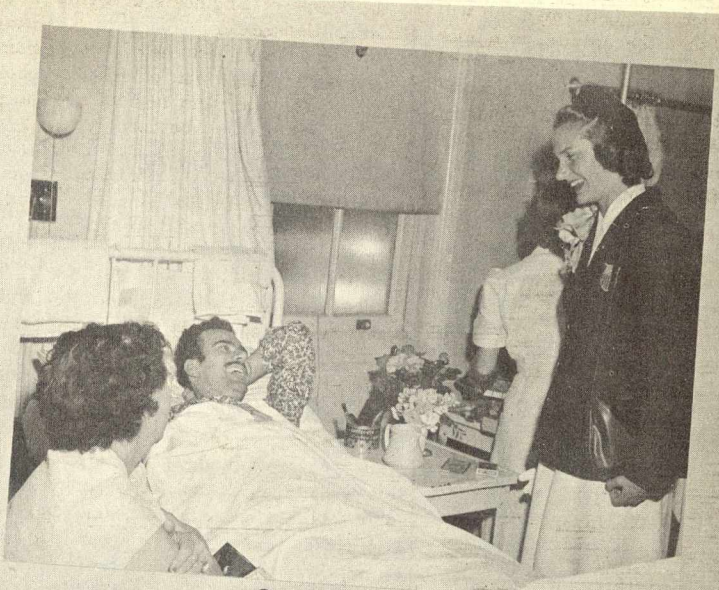
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



OLYMPIC STARS VISIT LGH

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, welcomes the four feminine Olympic swim stars who visited patients here last week. L to R: Barbara Jensen, Patsy Elsener, General Cole, Ann Curtis, Zoe Ann Olsen.



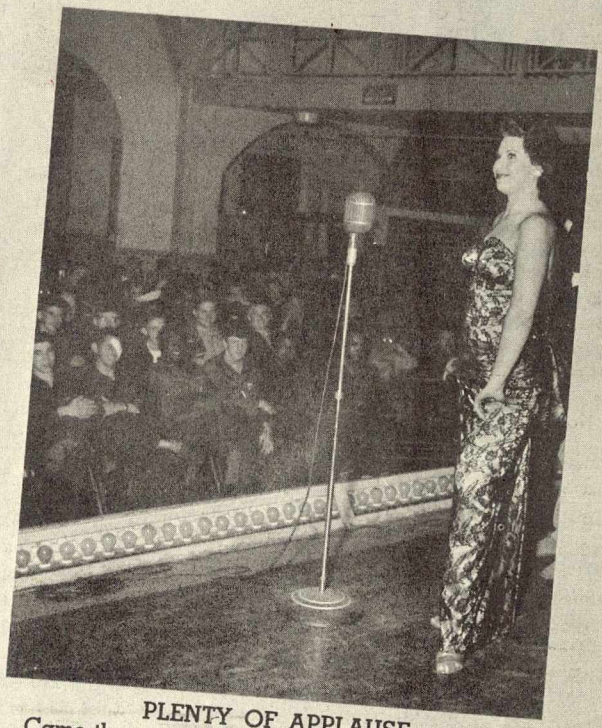
ON WARD K-3

Ann Curtis stops to chat with Phil Trine, who knew all about Ann's achievements in the Olympic Games and welcomed the opportunity to congratulate her.



SWEET MUSIC

And a girl to match the music were on the program of entertainment last week at the Recreation Hall, when Enid Henley, from the Palace Hotel, played for the patients.



PLENTY OF APPLAUSE

Came the way of Comedienne Charlotte Day of La Vie Parisienne last week when she entertained at the Recreation Hall.

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EDITORIAL

CITIZENSHIP

It has been announced by the Department of the Army that citizenship will be emphasized in the basic training of new soldiers in future. At the same time that the recruit is learning the rudiments of military life he will be informed as to his advantages and obligations as an American citizen.

Though of course it can be assumed that most of the men new to the Army already have a certain knowledge of these advantages and obligations, a deeper and wider knowledge of them in such times as these is not only desirable but very necessary.

A comprehensive program, consisting of lectures, discussions and motion pictures covering broad phases of good citizenship and subjects designed to foster quick adjustments from civilian to military life has been prepared by the Troop information and Education Division for presentation to the new personnel.

The educational program will consist of 12 discussion periods spread over the eight weeks of basic training. By this means new Army personnel will get a better understanding of American ideals and an adequate and intelligent explanation of Army processes, which will tend to foster the dignity and integrity of the individual soldier.



Colonel **Mary G. Phillips**, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps who was an overnight guest at Letterman before leaving Wednesday for Hawaii to attend the dedication of the new Tripler General Hospital, was the guest of honor Tuesday evening at a cocktail party at the Nurses' Recreation Hall.

First Lieut. **Lucile Burt**, a new member of the Physical Therapy staff was welcomed to Letterman this week. Lieut. Burt, whose home is in Manhattan, Kansas, came to LGH after more than a year at Camp Stoneman. She has been in the Army for five years, and during that time spent two years overseas, serving in both the European and Pacific theatres.

Newcomers welcomed to the ANC staff are Captain **Elsie R. McGinnes** and First Lieut. **Eleanor Prescott.** Captain McGinnes came from Madigan General Hospital in Washington state, and Lieut. Prescott from Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo.

A welcome also went this week to a newcomer on the Occupational Therapy staff—Lieut. **Jane Racicot**, who recently received her commission in the WMSC, and was assigned to Letterman as her first Army station.

Wedding bells rang on 25 August for Lieut. **Violet Moss** of the Occupational Therapy staff, who became the bride of Robert McCarty on that day. Her co-workers are now getting accustomed to calling her by her new name.

Nine students arrived recently to begin two ANC training courses here at Letterman, one in Operating Room Technique and Management, and one in Aesthesia. Five will take the Operating Room course—Captains **Clarice Blegan, Nina Romeo** and **Virginia Szyper, and** First Lieuts. **Staisie Bembmowski** and **Althea Ward.** Those who will take the course in Anesthesia are: Captain **Irma Staelens** and First Lieuts. **Pattie Gibbs, Isabell Kent** and **Marjorie Lanker.**

Captain **Elizabeth Johnson** and Captain **Ruby Bradley** took a trip to Yosemite where they reported having a wonderful time. They took a lot of pictures along the way.

Captain **Dorothy Looby** holds the mythical title of "Best Nurse Fisherman." She went fishing and caught enough to hold a fish fry at the recreation hall. Helping her eat them were Capt. **Christine Coletti,** Lieut. **Leona Alic** and Lieut. **Phyllis Patrick.**

WAC

A reception was given Tuesday evening at the Presidio Officers Club to honor Colonel **Mary Hallaren,** director of the Women's Army Corps, who arrived from Washington this week on an official visit. On Thursday Colonel Hallaren was at Letterman for a tour of inspection and addressed a detachment meeting.

The ten WAC officers assigned to duty at Letterman have set something of a record for length of service in one place. They have a combined total of 19 years and eight months service here, which is an average of almost two years each.

Heading the longevity list is Second Lieut. **Anna M. Laue,** Assistant Chief of Clinical Psychology, who served here as an enlisted woman before she received her commission. She arrived at Letterman in January 1945. Later in the same month Capt. **Frances V. Peterson,** Insurance and Bonds Officer, came here. Capt. **Margaret Lasseter,** Assistant to the Hospital Mess Administrator, arrived in January 1946. First Lieut. **Mary C. Cass,** Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Neuropsychiatry, arrived in June 1946. First Lieut. **Frances E. Harllee,** Troop Information and Education Officer, arrived in August 1946. Capt. **Minnie L. Young,** Director of Personnel, arrived in March 1947. First Lieut. **Margaret Kimpton,** Chief of Military Personnel, arrived in May 1947. Capt. **Charlotte I. Woodworth,** Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment, arrived in August 1947. Capt. **Ruby A. McAllister,** Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Orthopedic Service, arrived in August 1947 and Second Lieut. **Pamela E. Robertson,** Psychiatric Social Worker, arrived in December 1947.

Congratulations go to Corporal **Rose Casilio,** who was recently promoted to her new rank.

Sergeant **Drescher** reports that the WAC steak fry held last Friday night was a big success. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to another steak fry just like that one.

Our best wishes go with Master Sergeant Eileen Venters, who was recently discharged. A former employee in the classification Section, the sergeant had completed over five years of service, a length of time which almost equals the age of the WAC.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 12 September, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Reception

Letterman's new commander, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, with Mrs. Cole and their daughter, Miss Josephine Cole, were guests of honor at a reception held at the Letterman Club on Sunday evening when the officers and ladies of the garrison were presented to the honorees by Colonel Kermit H. Gates, retiring Deputy Commander. Colonel and Mrs. James B. Stapleton were also in the receiving line. Colonel Stapleton arrived this week to take over the post vacated by Colonel Gates.

A buffet supper was served and dancing was enjoyed by the well filled club later in the evening.

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.—**Aristotle.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOU HEDDING
Staff Sergeant

Not long ago, when Lieut. Betty Miller broke her ankle during the Sixth Army softball tournament held at Camp Stoneman, the team was almost eliminated because it lacked substitutes. But a volunteer saved the day and kept the team in the tourney. She was Staff Sergeant Lou Hedding. Her "staff sergeant" title will not change until next month, either, for the Air Corps changeover in rank will not go into effect until then.

The only WAF (Women's Air Force member) to join the Letterman detachment, Sgt. Hedding is on detached service from Fresno, California, where she is assigned to recruiting duty. Her job here is to help integrate old Corps members into the Air Force and to teach classes for future recruiters. Recently she completed a recruiting instructors' course at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Entering the WAC in November 1943 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Sgt. Hedding took basic and attended clerks' school there before being transferred to Camp Maxie, Texas, and an assignment as a stock records clerk. In June 1944, she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia for extended field service. Two months later she left Camp Stoneman's Port of Embarkation for duty in New Guinea, Biak and the Philippines as a Special Service NCO. Returning from the Pacific in December 1945, she worked in the Separation Center at Camp Beale.

Her next assignment took her to the Panama Canal Zone and Albrook Field. There she was a supply sergeant. In May 1947 she went to Maxwell Field, Alabama, and worked as a surgical secretary until she was chosen for the recruiting instructors' course at Camp Lee. She came to Letterman in July.

Before enlisting in the WAC, Sgt. Hedding was attending three schools at the same time. These were San Francisco State, San Francisco College for Women and Saint Joseph's. A sports enthusiast, the sergeant claims swimming and tennis as her favorites. She also is a shutterbug. Sgt. Hedding's home is just across the Bay in Mill Valley.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The Jewelry Section of the Occupational Therapy Shop is now "going full blast." There are now many more types of jewelry to be made besides the silver rings and bracelets. They are now cutting and polishing stones to be used in rings, bracelets and earrings. Some of the better pieces are now being displayed in the O.T. shop. Most of the new ideas now employed in the section are due to the new instruction methods used by **Ned Tellywood**, the new instructor.

Lt. **Burt Evans**, who is on ward A-1, has been trying his hand in the Ceramics Section. The other day he started out to make a pitcher. Every few minutes, however, something would go wrong and he would change it to something else. Finally, he got disgusted and threw the whole thing away. Let's hope he makes a fresh start on something else in O.T.

Sgt. **Charles Cooper** and Pvt. **Lester Spencer**, both of ward F-1, have been spending a good deal of their time away from the ward lately. It seems that they have developed a very avid interest in horseshoes. So if you are ever looking for them and they are not on the ward just look at the horseshoe pits behind the YMCA.

"Singers of Songs" is the honorary title conferred upon Pfc. **William J. Souza.** Originally from Hawaii, Willie now resides in Compton, California with his wife and three children. He can always be found playing his ukelele and singing songs at the YMCA or if it happens to be Monday night he displays his talents at the ward parties.

Pfc. **Harold "Red" Brown** has been spending most of his time at the Occupational Therapy Shop, making different things for his girl friend. At the present time he is working on a black leather wallet for her. When he finishes that he intends to make her a set of matching earrings, bracelet and ring.

Cpl. **John H. Walsh,** who is on ward 2, is leaving for a 30 day convalescent furlough at home. John's home is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He intends to make the trip by air. When he returns he expects to be here only a short time before he is discharged from the service.

Cpl. **Jay Collins,** of ward 2, has just returned from a 30 day furlough to his home in Chicago, Illinois. He says that after the heat wave they had there, he appreciates this San Francisco weather very much.

The Red Cross tells us that from now on any patient interested can attend Arthur Murray's dancing school three times a week, for three weeks. It will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of Just Wednesday as it has been previously. All you have to do is contact the Red Cross in the Recreation Hall, Building 1138, and they will see to it that you get signed up.

Pfc. **Sidney Elliot,** of ward 3, has been trying to decide what kind of a car to buy. So he went down to the Packard dealer and to the Buick dealer and listened to their sales talks. Then he went down to a used car dealer and bought a Buick (1931 vintage).

Sgt. **Robert Greeley** of ward E-2, has a new pastime. In addition to making those beautiful beer mugs for which he is now famous, he also is making those cute little men with the long beards and patched pants. He is currently working on a little man, with a beard down to his ankles and a big red nose.

Pvt. **Albert Thrash,** who is on ward 28, was in dire straits the other day when both of the girls he goes with (both from San Francisco) decided to come and visit him at the same time. Al did some fast talking and smoothed things over. How, he will never know, he says.

Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed.—**Storm Jameson.**

ON THE SPOT



LOUIS J. NOGUE
Quartermaster Laundry

The intricate and fascinating laundry business is nothing new to Mr. Louis J. Nogue, former member of the army, who is now employed by the Letterman Quartermaster Laundry. "Lou's" parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Nogue, both immigrants from Pau (Lourdes) France, came to San Francisco back in the late 1890's, went into a laundry business which was a great success and retired in 1928.

Lou entered the army from San Francisco in August 1944, was shipped to Camp Lee, Virginia for basic training, and was then assigned to the Army Quartermaster Laundry Corps. Following his assignment he sailed overseas in March 1945 and landed at Millne Bay, New Guinea, where he was assigned to the 365th QM Laundry.

After a series of close and narrow escapades covering truck accidents, gas tank explosions, and later a "near miss" on his ship while en route to Finschhafen, New Guinea, he emerged virtually "unscathed" only to become a victim of malaria, and was confined to the Fourth General Hospital in Finschhafen.

In May 1946 he returned to the United States, staying briefly at Letterman, and then he went to Fort Lewis, Washington for rehabilitation. He was discharged from Camp Beale, California in November 1946.

Lou started working for the Letterman laundry early in January 1947 as a receiving clerk and has remained here ever since. He and his wife, Irma, have one daughter, Alice, age 13. His home is now in San Francisco and he is particularly interested in interior decorating as a hobby.

CIVIL CIRCLES

From the Dental Clinic comes the news that **Mary Lerner** entertained a guest from Los Angeles over the holiday while **Bea Cohn** journeyed to Los Angeles to visit with friends and **Lillian Jones** headed for her favorite spot, Rio Del Mar, to enjoy a barbecue.

Earl Davidson, Enlisted Personnel Section, has given his car the "New Look" by painting it a midinight blue.

Helen O'Connell is still a patient at St. Mary's Hospital and reports on her condition are favorable. She is getting along nicely and that is good news.

Zita Kelley, Insurance office, returned this week after three weeks vacation and **Mary McFadden** has taken up her duties in the Fog Horn office after a leave of three weeks.

Emily Knepp of the Dental Clinic left on her vacation last week after a late start due to the plane that was two hours late, but she reported via wire that she arrived safely in Pittsburgh and that the band was out to greet her.

May Fewer of the Post Exchange is pinch-hitting at the East Hospital Baby Shop. Her cheery smile is missed around these parts.

Susan Sauer spent the day at Letterman recently meeting and visiting her father's friends and reports have it that she enjoyed herself thoroughly. Susan is the 14-months-old daughter of **Gorden Sauer** of the Receiving Office.

Mrs. Hilda Allen, LGH medical librarian, is just back from a memorable three-week camping vacation during which she and her husband traveled from Yellowstone Park to the Grand Canyon. The other national parks they visited included Grand Teton, Byrce Canyon and Zion Canyon. They also saw Boulder Dam. and for a finishing touch they went to Sonora, where they were in almost uncomfortable proximity to a forest fire.

Among those who attended the Sacramento State Fair over the weekend were June Grumpstrup, Military Personnel, and **Marshall Douglas** of the Photo Lab.

Hannah Goldberg has resumed her duties in the Troop I&E office after spending 30 days leave in New York City. She made the trip both ways by air.

MAJOR BRIDGER'S 50 PER CENT GETS BIGGER AS SHE SNAPS THE SHUTTER



Major KILIE E. BRIDGER, ANC
Recently arrived at Letterman after overseas duty.

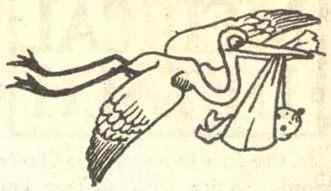
Major Kilie E. Bridger ANC, who has just arrived at Letterman for duty, has a philosophy of her own when it comes to her hobby of photography. "I only average about 50 per cent good pictures," she says, "so the more I shoot, the more good ones there are in that 50 per cent."

A jovial person with a pleasant smile for everyone, Major Bridger started to become accustomed to army ways in May 1935, when she entered the army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. She spent four years there working in the operating room and liking every minute of it. Then she was assigned to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, where she did a little bit of everything. Following this, she became the chief nurse at the New Orleans (Louisiana) Air Base for two and a half years.

Her overseas call came in April 1944 and Major Bridger went to England and France to serve as a chief nurse for 17 months. V-J Day was declared while she was at Le Havre, France waiting to sail, so she never reached the China-Burma-India Theater, where she expected to go next. However, the Pacific beckoned after a short tour of duty at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Major Bridger went to Manila for 15 months and then to Okinawa for seven months. Arriving in the States in the latter part of June of this year, she went on a 45-day leave to New Jersey, Virginia and Niagara Falls before returning to her new assignment at Letterman.

She visited Belgium and Luxembourg while in Europe, and China, Korea and Japan while in the Pacific. Usually there was at least one person in every Chinese shop who could speak English, she says, so she had no difficulties in picking up souvenirs in China.

Before entering the Army, Major Bridger was an operating room and general duty nurse at various hospitals in the mid-west.



To Lt. and Mrs. Gabriel Palmero, a girl, **Patricia Rose,** born August 25.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Erwin M. Schulte, a boy, **James Anthony,** born August 26.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Earl Schuster, a girl, **Diane Virginia,** born August 27.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Daniel H. Nugent, a girl, **Marian Aileen,** born 27 August.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Allen Keene, a boy, **Gary Martin,** born 28 August.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Milton Leo O'Dea, a boy, **Milton Andrew,** born 28 August.

To Captain and Mrs. Sammie D. Bradley, a boy, **Jody David,** born 28 August.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Lester Ray Rhodes, a girl, **Iris Diana,** born 28 August.

To Colonel and Mrs. Jose E. Olivares a boy, **Fernando,** born 28 August.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Warren Lee Slater, a boy **Gary Lee,** born 28 August.

To Major and Mrs. Edwin H. Millson, a girl, **Margaret,** born 29 August.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Julius Wesley Broehl, a boy, **James Joseph,** born 29 August.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Charles William Bonham, a girl, **Celeste Virginia,** born 30 August.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William LeRoy Watson, a girl, **Letha Mae,** born 30 August.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Charles McKinnel Horton, a boy, **Reed McKinnel,** born 30 August.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Landrum G. Wylds a ,girl, **Gloria Jean,** born 30 August.

To T/Sergeant and Mrs. Warren Raymond Box, a girl, **Candice Matha,** born 30 August.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. John Ernest Devall, a girl, **Jeanette,** born 31 August.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Karnig Vanesian, a boy, **Richard Loch,** born 31 August.

To T/Sergeant and Mrs. Victor M. Fangonilo, a boy, **Edmund Ordonia,** born 31 August.

MEDICAL DETACH

Sfc. **Clarence Carrick** of the Clinical Records Section took another low-flying trip to Burbank, California over the Labor Day holiday. We are all wondering how much longer that "Red Racer" of his is going to hold up under all these trips.

In case you are wondering what that thing that resembles an automobile and is camouflaged like a battleship is—it's **Jim Faucettes'** latest "car?", a 1936 Willys. Jim says that appearances are deceiving and that it is really a fine car or will be when he finishes with it.

Sgt. **Al Vendouris** of the 9956TSU is now on duty with an all-soldier show which played at the Presidio Theater last Wednesday. Al came to the Foghorn office and complained that he never got his name in the paper and so we obliged him with this little paragraph.

Pfc. **Harold E. (Nick) Nichols** of the T.I.&E. office spent what he terms a quiet holiday in Los Angeles. It seems that he spent his time renewing old acquaintances with some of his girl friends.

Pfc. **William Hooker** was off on a three-day pass to renew acquaintances with some of the sheep that he used to care for. He says that when he arrived all of the sheep greeted him with a loud BAA-A-A!

Pfc. **Mike O'Toole** of the Letterman Swimming Pool has been getting up rather early as of late. It seems that every morning he is awakened by a hard "whack" (where it does him the most good). Mike says that although (groan) this is cheaper than an alarm clock, he still (groan) prefers the clock.

Cpl. **Harry Harding** of the 9956TSU had rather a hectic weekend. He went all the way to his home in New Mexico. He couldn't spend much time there because of the time consumed in traveling.

Pfc. **Bradford "Katfish" Libby** has an amazing love for his native state of Wisconsin. Everytime someone mentions Wisconsin he stands up, faces toward Wisconsin and sings "On Wisconsin" in a very dramatic tone of voice. What has Wisconsin got that California hasn't got more of?

IF YOU LIKE THE "NEW LOOK" OF OUR PX—MR. ELLIOTT DID IT



GEORGE G. ELLIOTT
General Manager, Bay Area Exchange

Visitors to Letterman these days are very favorably impressed by the "New Look" evident in the main branch of the Bay Exchange and also the cafeteria. It might be called a transformation as practically nothing is left of the old grill or the old PX—and the improvements began as the brain child of Mr. George G. Elliott, the general manager of the Bay Area Exchange.

Mr. Elliott is a native of Tyler, Texas, and you would recognize it almost immediately, but unlike most Texans, he does not proclaim his adherence to his favorite state in the second sentence of a conversation. He feels everyone should spot a Texan on sight; if one fails—then Texas is still a great state.

The G. M. went to high school in Lindale, a small town just a piece down the road from Tyler, but he came back to his home town to attend business college. Then he moved on to San Antonio and was credit manager for a large concern when the war started. He enlisted for the infantry at Camp Carson, Colorado, and soon found himself in OCS at Fargo, N. D., where he was commissioned.

Mr. Elliott's business background was discovered and he was assigned to the Army Exchange Service at headquarters for the Ninth Service Command, then at the Presidio of San Francisco. He moved with the headquarters to Fort Douglas and remained with the organization as the Army Exchange Service expanded. He was traveling auditor and had much to do with both organizing and de-activating the exchanges in the Ninth Service Command.

Mr. Elliott was the manager of the Fort Mason Exchange after his release from military service and when the local exchanges were unified into the present Bay Area Exchange in July 1946 Mr. Elliott moved up as general manager for the combined activities.

How well he does the job is apparent in all the branches under his direction.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

M/Sgt. **Howard E. Holmes** left HTU last week for duty in Portland, Oregon. Sergeant Holmes served as Hospital Train Sergeant Major before orders came through transferring him to the 6818th ASU Oregon Medical School in Portland. M/Sgt. **George Washburn** fills the vacancy behind the desk vacated by Sgt. Holmes and best wishes and best of luck are extended to both Sergeant Holmes and Sergeant Washburn.

First Sergeant **Tea Garland** spent the Labor Day weekend with his family in Los Angeles and he reports that the weather is mighty warm down L.A. way.

Recruit **Gene Williams** was seen with a rather conspicuous black spot in the vicinity of his left eye. We haven't heard of anyone leaving doors open as of late around the area and the mystery deepens even more when Williams answers, "No Comment" to all inquiries.

Sergeant **Temistocles Zanios** and Corporal **William Hapchuk** seem to have had words over parking spots for their automobiles. It seems parking space is allocated by gentleman's agreement and occasionally the agreement evolves into a disagreement. The result is that somebody moves a car. Reluctantly, that is!

Private **Nicholas D'Orsi** has been nursing an aching head. The story is that the PX coffee was extra strong Friday night and somehow it disagreed with him.

Corporal **John Walker** left for civilian life last week and that very definitely includes Memphis, Tennessee, which John calls home. Corporal Walker was assigned to the Unit mail room and in his place is Private **James McElreath.**

Sergeant **Charles Bukacek** is on a 10-day delay en route to Oklahoma where he intends to pick up his automobile and return.

New members of HTU are Corporal **Melvin Reece,** Privates **William Anderson** and **Pablo Zavala** and Recruit **Carl Thomason.**

She'll love it if you tell her that time stands still when you look into her eyes. But just try telling her that her face would stop a clock.

Troop Information And Education

"I will study and get ready—and the opportunity will come."—Abraham Lincoln.

The army has established a special fund to pay 75 per cent up to $25.00 for off-duty time extension courses. This is not deductable from the GI Bill for educational purposes. There are several schools to choose from. You may take college-level training leading to a degree, technical courses in business and languages or a wide range of subjects in the liberal arts.

Most people prefer to learn by actually attending a group class by a qualified instructor. Arrangements have been made with the local universities to accept students from the hospitals and all military personnel may participate. This includes officers, enlisted men and women, nurses, physical therapists and dietitians.

The Troop Information & Education Section has all the detailed information as to registration, including bulletins describing the courses offered by the University of California. Regular Army personnel should be interested because the Army's new career plan will require study in certain subjects for the person who wishes to qualify for a definite MOS and for advances in grade for that MOS.

Here are some of the many subjects being given this fall: Management Organization, Personnel Administration, Principles of Accounting, General Accounting, Industrial Accounting, Advanced Accounting, Auditing, Commercial Law, Introduction to Public Relations, Credits and Collections, Retailing, Marketing, Effective Advertising, Economics, Chemistry, Decorative Art, Dentistry, Dramatic Art, Dutch, Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mineral Technology, Short Story Writing, Advanced Fiction, Writing, English Literature, French, Geology, History, Journalism, Political Science and others.

The Adult Education classes will begin 20 September. Schedules will be out within the next week. Those interested in attending classes on the post should contact the TI & E Branch at their earliest convenience, as arrangements are underway to procure teachers in those subjects for which there is a demand.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Army commanders have been instructed to promote all qualified seventh grade personnel to grade six. Circular 202, the Career Plan "Bible," will be amended to direct that grade seven personnel "will" be promoted under stated conditions. The Circular now says they "may" be promoted.

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In addition to increasing class sizes at Officer Candidate Schools, the Army has lowered the age limit to admit 19-year-olds. The former age limits were 20½ to 28 years.

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The Armed Forces will renew efforts to bring about enactment of Universal Training legislation when the next Congress meets. Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, Army Chief of Public Information, was recently quoted as saying: "There is no change in official Army policy on this point. Universal Military Training is the only answer to the nation's long-range security problem."

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The Army will utilize commercial air facilities in a temporary operation to transport homebound dependents and civilian employees from Europe. First class surface travel also will be used, and operation of Army transports will be speeded up by reducing the turn-around time in terminal ports.

New Army Tables of Organization and Equipment, now being printed and distributed, will allow a higher percentage of upper-grade personnel in relation to unit strength.

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The Defense Secretary's Advisory Commission on Service Pay is expected to submit its report early in September. The report will form the basis of proposed new pay legislation before the next Congress.

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A Food Service Technician's course has been established at Camp Lee, Va. Subjects include nutrition, menu planning, subsistence procurement, storage and distribution, and sanitation.

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MATS has decreased passenger and freight haulage, except in the European Theater, in proportion to the number of MATS planes diverted to the support of "Operation Vittles." Transport of military mail has not been affected.

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Basic training programs for recruits entering the Service will bear heavily on broad phases of good citizenship and subjects designed to aid in a quick adjustment to military life. The Army-Air Force Troop I & E Division has prepared uniform programs for use in all training centers.

A Crosley driver ran out of gas on a country road. Along came a Cadillac. Its driver offered the stranger a tow to the nearest station. They were moving at 60 miles an hour in congested traffic when the Crosleyite spotted a traffic policeman following them and honked his horn in warning.

The big car driver decided to outrun the officer and increased his speed to 85. The Crosley man began honking again, in terrified supplication to slow down. Finally the officer did give up, drove back to the station and stripped off his badge and gun.

"I'm through," he announced, "I've seen everything. I might expect to be outrun by a Cadillac, but when there's a Crosley behind him giving him the horn, that's too much."

He (at the movies): "Can you see all right?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Is there a draft on you?"

She: "No."

He: "Seat comfortable?"

She: "Yes."

He: "Mind changing seats?"

More About DENTAL INTERNS

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Prosthetics magazine. He also earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1945, his Master of Arts in 1948 and his Doctor of Dental Surgery also in 1948. He and his wife, Helen, are living in San Francisco with their daughter, Mary Lou, aged 14 months.

Besides Letterman, 10 other army general hospitals also offer internships for dentists. They are: Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington; Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey; Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration officials estimate four out of five veterans widows who are suddenly faced with the necessity of filing claims for pensions find themselves unable to lay hands immediately upon copies of public records necessary to establish the claims.

One of the most important steps a married veteran or serviceman can take to protect his wife and children in case of his death is to place on file a certified copy of the public record of marriage, together with complete certified records of any previous marriages of himself and wife. Copies of birth certificates of any children should also be obtained.

Before the widow's claim can be settled, the VA must trace down the facts of that previous marriage to make sure it was dissolved and the widow was legally the officer's wife at the time of his death. This may mean searching the records in each county in which the officer lived during his first marriage.

Veterans and servicemen owe it to their loved ones to insure that necessary records are readily available in case of death.

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Question: What supporting evidence must be furnished by a widow or child in order to claim death pension?

Answer: Proof of legal relationship of widow (marriage and dissolution of prior marriages of both spouses) and proof of legal relationship of child or acknowledgement of child by veteran.

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Question: May death pension be paid to a widow who has remarried?

Answer: No. She loses all status as a widow of her previous husband upon remarriage.

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Question: Why is it necessary to submit proof of legal relationship when this evidence was on my husband's military service records?

Answer: The statement on military records is not considered sufficient evidence for a court of law. No investigation is made by the military of legality of the marriage or legal dissolution of previous marriages, either of yourself or your husband. These facts must be established by authenticated copies of public records.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Colonel Gates Leaves LGH for A Year of Study

Colonel Kerrmit H. Gates, MC, who has served ass Executive Officer of Letterman forr the past two years and as Deputy Commander since May of this year, left this week to begin a course of study in the graduate school at the University of California at Berkelev. Subject of the course is Public Health and Hospital Administration.

During the period of his work at the University Colonel Gates will be assigned to the student detachment, headquarters Sixth Army.

Colonel Gates has been at Letterman since August 1945, and before becoming Executive Officer in August 1946 had a variety of assignments here, including that of Chief of Reconditioning Division, supervisor of the Information and Education Branch, and commander of the Hospital Train Unit.

Colonel Gates was born in Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of Iowa. He says he still regards 1930 as the biggest year of his life. "That year I got my MD from the University of Iowa Medical School; I entered the Regular Army, and I met my wife," he says, recalling the memorable events of that year.

After interning at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, he was assigned to the Surgical Service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the station hospital, where he remained for three years. He attended medical course at Carlisle and in Washington, and then from 1936 until 1941 was post surgeon at Carlisle Barracks station hospital.

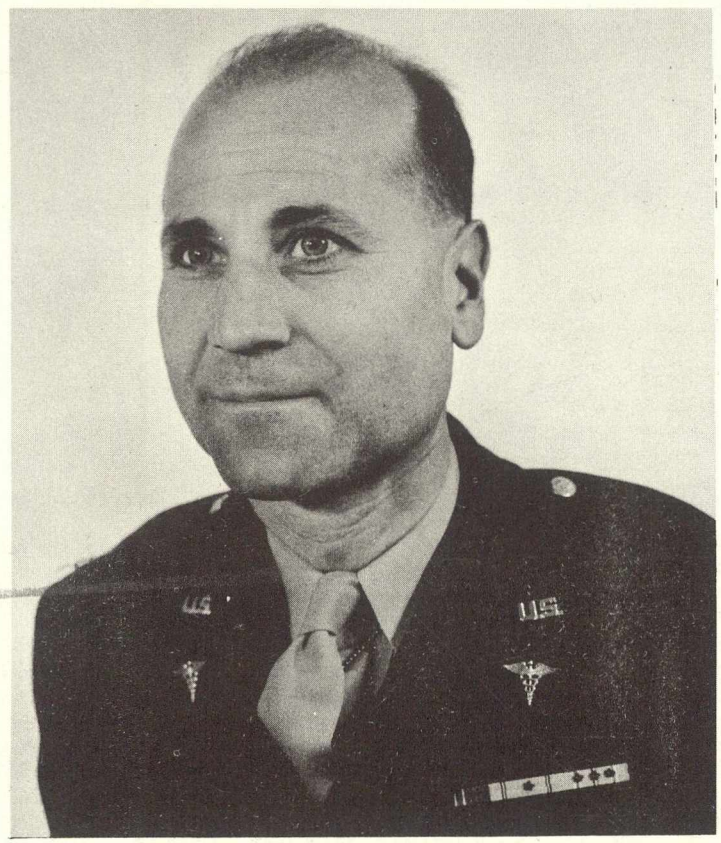
In July of 1941 Colonel Gates and his wife and family left for the Hawaiian Islands where he was assigned, in the Pacific Area headquarters at Oahu, as surgeon of the 24th Infantry Division. When the war began his family returned to the United States and made their home in Palo Alto during the war.

In February 1943 Colonel Gates became deputy surgeon for the Pacific area, and he served in that capacity until the end of the war.

His work of planning and supervising the use of medical personnel in military operations necessitated trips to many of the Pacific islands, including two to combat areas in the Marianas and Iwo Jima. He estimates that at least a full year of his four in the Pacific was spent in trips and tours of duty on the islands.

Upon his return to the States in 1945, Colonel Gates came to duty here at Letterman.

Although he leaves Letterman with regret, Colonel Gates is looking forward to his year of study. He and his family recently moved from the post, but since they are living nearby in a home on Presidio avenue, he will still be able to keep in close touch with his Letterman friends.



Colonel KERMIT H. GATES, MC
Who Left Letterman this week.

Col. Hallaren Praises Work of Letterman WACs

Colonel Mary Hallaren, Director of the Women's Army Corps, who spent a day at Letterman last week surveying the activities of the WAC detachment here, complimented the Letterman WACs by saying she wished she had "1,000 more top-rated girls like the ones I have seen on the job here."

She visited Letterman in the course of a tour of inspection of all Sixth Army WAC detachments. While here she conferred with Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the commanding general, and addressed a company meeting, telling the members of the detachment the particulars about enlistments in the Regular Army. Colonel Hallaren was accompanied by Major Ruby Herman, the WAC staff director of the Sixth Army area, and Captain Cora Foster, her executive officer.

Enlistments in the Regular Army and Air Force were opened on 15 September to women without prior military service. Women veterans who have been transferring from the Active Reserve to Regular status during the last 90 days may continue to do so, with age allowances for time already accumulated in active service.

As of 30 June, the Army had a total of 3,939 WACs and the Air Force 1,592 WAFs. The Army had 641 officers, 32 warrant officers and 3,266 enlisted women in the WAC and the Air Force had 157 officers, ten warrant officers and 1,425 enlisted women in the WAF.

Under the new law the Army may have 500 officers, 75 warrant officers and 7,500 enlisted women, and the Air Force, 157 officers, ten warrant officers and 1,425 enlisted women for the next two years, and two per cent of their current strength after that time.

The New Tripler Up to the Minute With the "New Look"

The new Tripler General Hospital, on Moanalua Heights, near Honolulu, was formally dedicated last week in the presence of the Surgeon General of the Army, the Surgeon General of the Navy, and the Air Surgeon.

With appropriate ceremonies held on the sweeping lawn where the tall flagpole stands the building was turned over to the Medical Department by the Corps of Engineers which had supervised the construction of the multimillion dollar edifice.

Speaking on the occasion were Colonel H. H. Twitchell, commanding officer of Tripler, Lieutenant General John E. Hull, Commanding General in the Pacific Area, and Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army. The ceremonies closed with benediction by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Chief of the Chaplains branch at Letterman.

The new hospital is named after Brigadier General Charles Stuart Tripler, (1806-1866), a distinguished member of the army's medical corps. He gained enduring fame when he wrote his "Manual of the Medical Officer of the U. S. Army," published in 1858 as a guide for army recruit examiners. Today, 90 years since the publication of the initial volume, the gist of General Tripler's book is the foundation for modern recruit exams.

A native of New York, Dr. Tripler was a resident physician at Bellevue Hospital before becoming associated with the surgeon of West Point. He received a commission in 1830 as an assistant U. S. Army surgeon. He saw service during the Mexican war, organized and operated an army hospital in Mexico, and attended troops being transported from New York to the west coast via Panama.

In 1856 he was assigned to duty at Newport Barracks, Kentucky, recruit depot for the western country. It was there, in the troubled years preceding the Civil War, that General Tripler anticipated the need and prepared his manual. The brevet of brigadier general was given to him a year prior to his death, following his sevice as medical director of the Army of the Potomac.

The 14-story building, largest in the Pacific Area, is located on 375 acres of sloping Koolau mountainside above Moanalua. At the southern portion of Oahu, the site commands a magnificent panorama of the Pacific, and from the hospital's rapidly-greening lawns can be seen Pearl Harbor, Hickam Field, and other names that will forever be remembered in the military history of the nation.



Colonel H. H. TWITCHELL, MC
Commanding Officer, Tripler General Hospital

The site takes full advantage of the natural factors present — the magnificent view and the prevailing cool mauka winds—and has included in its construction generous lanais, informal groupings of buildings and irregular plans to recreate a restful atmosphere for patients . . . thus avoiding the institution-like environment that so often handicaps a hospital.

Tripler provides a complete modern medical establishment to furnish the highest standard of medical care to army and air force personnel and their dependents in the middle Pacific area, patients entered through the Veterans Administration, and patients of U. S. Public Health Service.

The hospital offers the finest medical service, dental service, surgical service, nursing service, neuropsychiatric service, physical medicine, laboratory service, X-ray service and outpatient service.

The hospital is a miniature city. It has living quarters for medical personnel, mess halls, a motor pool, warehouse, commissary, firehouse, incinerator, utility shops, laundry, two libraries, a post exchange, restaurant, barber shop, tailor shop, and a postoffice, and each of the 1,500 beds in the hospital is equipped with its individual radio set, which has a four-way switch box and a portable three-inch speaker.

Tripler also has seven and a half miles of pneumatic tubes, through which the hospital paper work is channeled, instead of being carried from office to office. The first such system ever installed as a permanent feature of an army hospital, the tube system saves many trips to process papers. There are 67 pneumatic tube stations in the hospital, each of which sends and receives message tubes through the control of a central clearing system.

The Commanding Officer of the newly dedicated Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, T. H., is Colonel Harold H. Twitchell, MC, who came to the Tripler command following two years as base surgeon at Hamilton Field, California.

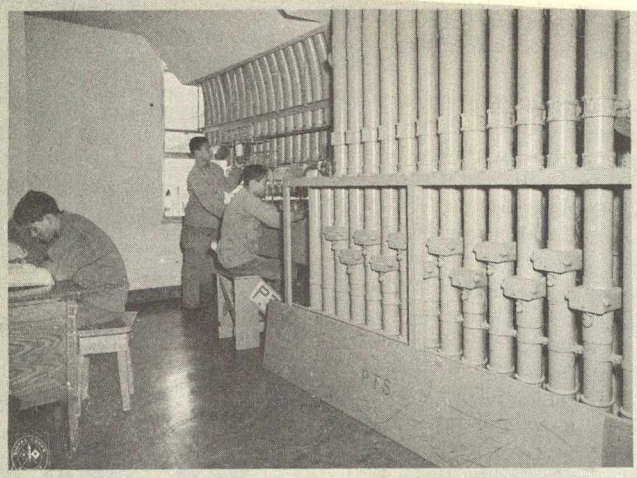
A native of Lancaster, New Hampshire, Colonel Twitchell was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1925, with a B. S. degree, and received his M. D. degree in 1929, upon graduation from the University of Vermont Medical School.

Commissioned in the Army in 1929, Colonel Twitchell served his internship at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he served an additional year of duty in the surgical service. He was graduated from the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C., and from the Army Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1932. He was then assigned to duty with the Army Transport Service, and served from 1932-1934 aboard the transport Chateau Thierry, which operated between New York, Puerto Rico, Panama, San Francisco, and Honolulu. After completing a course, in 1934, at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, Colonel Twitchell had consecutive three-year tours of duty at Langley Field, Virginia, and March Field, California, as Chief of Surgery and Obstetrics.

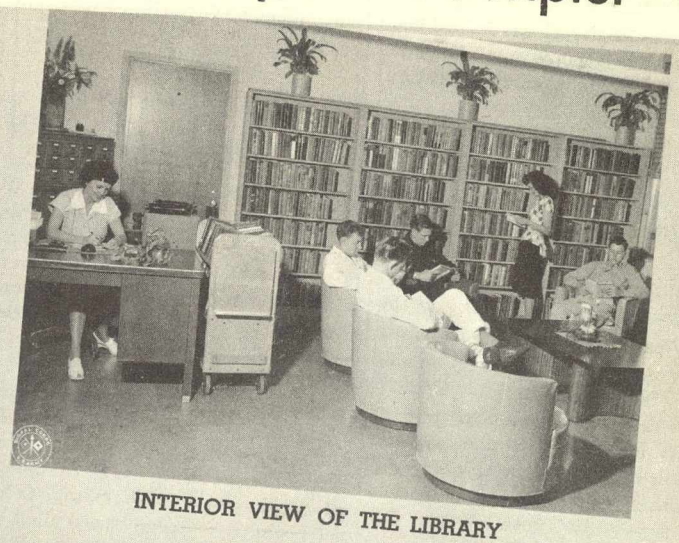
Duty as Surgeon at Paine Field, Everett, Washington, came next for Colonel Twitchell, following which he was transferred to Spokane, Washington, as Surgeon of the Second Air Force. During the latter tour of duty, Colonel Twitchell was instrumental in the medical supervision of the construction and opening of 30 station hospitals. For his work in connection with the establishment of those hospitals, Colonel Twitchell received the Legion of Merit.

In 1944, Tripler's commanding officer was assigned to duty at Colorado Springs, with the organization which later became the 20th Air Force, the famed Air Force which conducted the long range bombing raids in Japan. Colonel Twitchell remained with the 20th Air Force when the organization was located in the Marianas and, for his work with it, was awarded an Oak Leaf cluster in lieu of a second Legion of Merit award. That tour of duty was completed in 1945, following which he took a refresher course in surgery at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, prior to being assigned to Hamilton Field.

The Inside and Outside Camera Story of New Tripler



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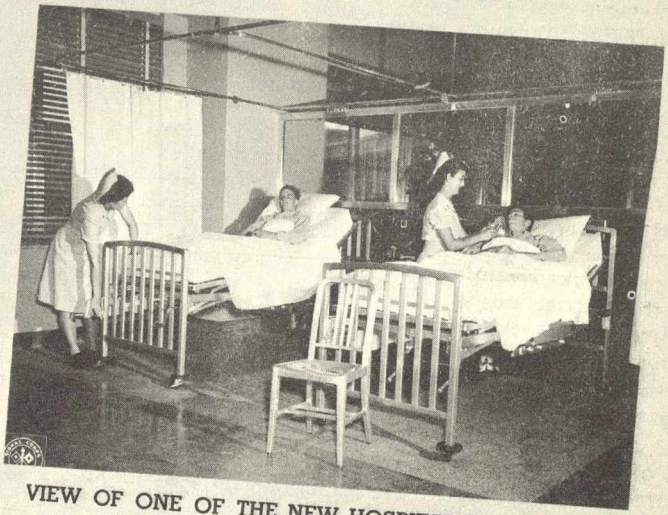
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EDITORIAL

NEW TRIPLER

With the formal dedication ceremonies held last week at Honolulu the new Tripler General Hospital joined the family of the Medical Department of the Army and we of Letterman wish to extend a word of welcome.

This most modern of hospitals is a symbol of the high purpose of the Medical Department in providing the best in professional care to our sick and injured under the most favorable auspices. The buildings and equipment leave nothing to be desired and the best and ablest members of the practicing physicians and surgeons in Honolulu are on the consultant staff.

Military medicine is making great strides under the present Surgeon General of the Army with a residency training program that is second to none. It is fitting that the facilities under which the program functions should likewise be second to none.

We at Letterman share the pride of the personnel of new Tripler and express the hope that the new establishment will give us some competition for the title "The Best Hospital in the Army."



Congratulations go this week to four members of the Army Nurse Corps who have just received promotions. Major **Frances C. Henchey** is now Lieut. Col. Henchey, and Captains **Myrtle C. Huhner, Marie L. Pace** and **Alvine** L. Schmidt were promoted to the rank of Major.

Nurses from Letterman and from a number of other stations in the Sixth Army area are taking examinations here this week to determine permanent rank status. Colonel **Leonard Swanson** is president of the Examining Board, Major **Kilie E. Bridger** is recorder, and Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** Chief Nurse, and Lieut. Col. **Frances Henchey** are members of the board.

Newcomers welcomed recently to the dietitians staff are First Lieut. **Alice McFadden** and First Lieut. **Edith Hill.**

All the members of the dietitians staff were entertained last week at a party at the home of Capt. **Velma Richardson,** chief dietitian. The occasion was a farewell party for First Lieut. **Jean Hawkins,** who left Letterman for Camp Kilmer, en route to overseas duty in Bremerhaven.

A welcome goes to Captain **Eugenia P. Williams,** ANC, former Army nurse who has returned from civil life. She is on duty in the Operating Room.

First Lieut. **Mary B. Hartman,** ANC, is leaving Letterman shortly for duty at Holoman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Captain **Mildred Carter** of Physical Therapy enjoyed last week end at Russian River.

Four ANC members will be leaving shortly for overseas duty in Trieste, and will be going home first on pre-embarkation leave. The four are Major **Lois Kinnison,** Captain **Dorothy Looby,** First Lieut. **Edythe Alt** and First Lieut. **Lydia Reizer.**

First Lieut. **Ruth Wall** of Physical Therapy was pleasantly surprised this week on her birthday with the gift of a homemade birthday cake from Captain **Vida Buehler.** Result: Afternoon cake and coffee for the members of the PT staff.

Two ANC members left Letterman this week to return to civilian life: First Lieuts. **Olive Schubert** and **Violet Zelinski.**

WAC

Congratulations to Sergeant **Rose M. Ruscak,** whose idea submitted to the Suggestion Committee earned a letter of commendation from the commanding general. Rose, who is on duty in the Information Office, suggested that the mural photograph of the hospital area in that office be provided with a transparent covering to protect it from defacement.

Two former Letterman WACs were welcomed back this week when they re-enlisted for Regular Army—Sergeant first class **Eleanor Eaton** and Corporal **Marilouise Damm.** Both have been civilians for only a few months, but they decided that the Army was the life for them, after all.

Sergeant **Jane Jones,** who is a newcomer to Letterman, but not to the Army, re-enlisted this week and came to duty here.

First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** is "on her own" temporarily, while her husband is visiting in Texas.

Sergeant first class **Grace Davis** is currently a patient on ward O-1, and would welcome cheer-up visits from her Letterman friends.

Sergeant first Class **Margaret Drescher** is as busy off the job as on the job these days. She has her husband's family as house guests, and is busy making plans to keep them entertained.

Corporal **Evelyn V. Leonard,** recent addition to the WAC detachment here, is on duty in the Pre-Natal clinic. Corporal Leonard, who is from Massachusetts, has been in the Army over four years.

First Lieut. **Margaret Kimpton** of Military Personnel was seen on the ramp the other day with a super-sized orchid. Since she was in uniform, she was carrying it, not wearing it, but it was easy to imagine how decorative it would be on civilian clothes.

Three more members of the detachment were sworn into the Regular Army this week. They are Sergeant first class **Myrtle M. Gragg,** Sergeant **Dorothy M. Coleman** and Corporal **Fay P. Lavagnino.**

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards. **—Anatole France.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 19 September, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Ex-Lettermanites Send Greetings

Many former Letterman folks were present at the Tripler dedication and all sent messages of greetings to the people they left behind them at Letterman.

Colonel Boyd Smith is the Chief of the Dental Service down there while Major Rex P. Clayton is the Adjutant. Lieutenant Ivor McCall is the Transportation Officer. Among the nurses Lieut. Mary Montgomery hails from LGH.

Over at the Chief Surgeon's Office there are Lieut. Colonel Seth O. Craft, Executive Officer, and Captain Alfred L. Taro, administrative assistant.

Chaplain Albert F. Click, well known here, is the chaplain at Sand Island Camp and has additional duty at Fort Armstrong as Port Chaplain. He never misses the arriving and departing transports.

New Adjutant

Major Wendell B. Patton has been appointed Adjutant for the command in place of Major Henry A. Hardt, who becomes assistant to the Registrar.

Major Patton joined station here recently after a tour of duty at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

We cannot hope to triumph unless we face the future thoroughly armed with confidence in the superiority of our way of life. Fear, anger and desperation are sorry substitutes for resolute faith. Freedom from fear, through strength, is where freedom begins. Dedication to such a program will justify the claim that America is a living, growing, dynamic society.—**Charles Luckman.**

DO YOU KNOW?



BETH CAMPBELL
First Lieutenant, WMSC

To First Lieut. Beth Campbell of the dietitians staff Army life is a familiar story. Her father, Colonel W. A. Campbell, is a retired Army officer, and Lieut. Campbell lived on numerous Army posts while she was growing up, among them Schofield Barracks, Fort Sill and Fort Leavenworth.

At present, though she's still known as Lieut. Campbell here at LGH, her name in private life is Mrs. Richard D. Keller. On 27 August she became the bride of the former Major Keller, and she is now awaiting discharge. She and her husband plan to make their home in New Orleans and will "try civilian life for awhile" she says. Her husband intends to go to medical school. Just now, while waiting for his wife to become a civilian, he is workng at the National Cemetery.

Lieut. Campbell has a B.S. degree from the University of Utah, where she majored in foods and nutrition. After a one-year course at Walter Reed General Hospital, from which she graduated in 1939, she worked as an Army dietitian at Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., for more than a year.

She went overseas with the 52nd General Hospital, and was stationed in England for 30 months, returning to the States by plane shortly after V-J Day. She enjoyed the time spent in England, and also a three-day visit to Paris just before her return home.

After brief assignments at Riley General Hospital, Schick General Hospital and Fort Leavenworth Station Hospital in 1945, Lieut. Campbell received her discharge. She returned to the Army last June, and came to LGH at that time.

She is fond of sports and particularly enjoys tennis, swimming, riding and golf. Bridge is another of her favorite diversions.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Major **John S. Harmstead,** who returned to duty this summer after several months as a patient at Letterman, is again here as a patient. Except for the fact that he'd prefer not to be a patient anywhere, Major Harmstead says that, as a Letterman alumnus, he's happy to be back. He is on ward A-2.

Even the non-chess players are getting excited about the forth coming appearance at Letterman of Mr. **George Koltanowski,** chess wizard extraordinary. He learned the complicated game at the age of 14, and is now an acknowledged expert, able to carry on several games at once, and even to play chess blindfolded. The Red Cross has arranged for him to give a lecture and demonstration in the Recreational Hall here on Wednesday, 29 September, at 1400 hours.

Pfc. **Harold Tucker,** who is a patient on ward 3, is sadly bemoaning the fact that he lost a little gold penknife which was a gift from that "special girl." Not only does he miss having the knife, but he's definitely not looking forward to having the donor find out it's gone. She might think he was careless.

Corporal **Ellis McDiffett,** who was on ward 40 and is now enjoying a furlough at home, wrote a letter to one of his buddies on the ward in which he speaks enthusiastically about being able to do what he has been dreaming about for so long—sleep, sleep and more sleep. On the ward he did a little complaining about the fact that he couldn't sleep as long as he liked. Now he says sleeping and eating are his only activities.

A mystery has come into the life of Sergeant **Paul Benson** of ward 2. He got a letter from his girl, written in red ink on yellow stationery, and someone once told him that this combination had a special secret significance. Unfortunately he can't remember what it was, so he is questioning everyone who comes on the ward in an effort to find out what the score is, so he can answer in the proper colors.

Patients who like the idea of being "off to the races" are taking advantage of the Special Services buses which make trips to the Golden Gate Field race track Tuesday through Saturday, leaving at 12:45 p.m. from the gym. Those interested in going can sign up at the Special Services office in the East Hospital Service Club, at the Recreation Hall or the gym.

The old problem of find a fourth for bridge is the present problem of Sergeant **Thomas Jorge,** a patient on ward E-2. He can always make up a threesome, but that elusive fourth is not to be found on the ward. He's getting to the point where he's planning to take up another game. He might try pinochle; that makes a good three-handed game.

Sergeant first class **Guy Shortz** is looking for new members for his Hill-Billy band. The last of the members of the old band received his discharge this week. As soon as a new group gets organized and in practice, the band will get a 15-minute spot on Letterman's radio station, KLGH. Sergeant Shortz says he needs men who play stringed instruments, the piano, the accordion or the harmonica. Anyone who is interested can contact him at the Recreational Hall.

Pvt. **Jesse Sell,** who is a patient on ward 43, has been very much occupied lately in writing a novel. He has always wanted to write a book and now that he has time on his hands he's getting the work under way. He says that even though he doesn't know whether or not it will be published, he's having fun writing it.

Remember the picture of the "drinking dog" that appeared in the Fog Horn a few weeks ago? He was drinking water, of course—dogs don't usually care for anything stronger. The print was made by Pfc. **Raymond Darrah** of ward E-2, and now it seems that Darrah's dog is getting further publicity. A large framed print of the picture is on display in one of the Marina "clubs."

A lot of admiring comments were heard on the Topical Exhibit of the Letterman Stamp Club held this week in the Recreation Hall. The stamps were grouped according to subject. Sergeant **Alfred Bijou,** patient on ward K-1, is the new president of the Stamp Club. He succeeds Colonel **A. McIntosh,** who is leav- for Yokohama.

ON THE SPOT



HAROLD E. NICHOLS
Private First Class

After nearly three years in the Navy, Pfc. Harold Nichols decided to change over to the Army, and already he's decided he prefers that branch of the service. He says he likes to have his feet on solid ground. He enlisted in April of this year at Fort MacArthur and was sent to Fort Ord for assignment. He came to Letterman in July, and is on duty in the Troop Information and Education office.

Harold was born in Davenport, Iowa, and spent the "growing up" years of his life there. His family now lives in San Fernando, California, so he considers himself a Californian by adoption. Before he enlisted in the Navy he worked for a year in the Kaiser Shipyards in Vancouver, Washington.

In 1945 having joined the Navy, he went to San Diego for boot training, and then attended Hospital Corps School there. His first naval assignment was at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, where he had on-the-job training. He next went to Camp Shoemaker, where he was on duty in the Medical Section of the Separation Center. He remained there until the camp was decommissioned in August of 1946, when he was sent to Moffett Field Naval Air Station. There he was assigned to the Aviation Examing Room.

Sent to Treasure Island for assignment to sea duty in March 1947, he went to San Diego for duty on the USS Tarawa, an aircraft carrier. After a short time in the clerical office, he was placed in charge of clerical work in the X-Ray Section. He was discharged from the Navy in October, 1947 as a Pharmacist Mate, Third Class.

Harold, who is better known as "Nick," reports that his favorite off-duty diversions are roller skating, photography and dancing—particularly square and folk-dancing.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Evelyn Schumacher, Special Services, resigned this week and will devote her time to home making. She takes with her the best wishes of all her friends at Letterman.

Isabel Franks, Post Exchange, was given a surprise party by her daughter Sunday, September 12, to celebrate her birthday, September 13. Her friends joined in the festivities to wish her many happy returns.

Helen Jones of the Library is vacationing in Washington for two weeks.

Helen O'Connell, Detachment of Patients, is home from the hospital and is making rapid progress on the road to recovery.

During her vacation, **Frances Ahrens,** Sick and Wounded office, stopped in Carmel to visit **Frances Wilson Liaiolo,** who was formerly in the Registrar's office. Frances reports they had a wonderful time catching up on the latest news and remembering "the good old days."

Helen Lund, Payroll Section, is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital where she underwent a major operation last Monday. Her many friends at Letterman wish her a speedy recovery.

Norma Fuller, Library, will leave in the near future for Guam where she will be an army library assistant, and she is being kept busy these days with the many details and preparations that accompany such a long journey.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following three couples who recently exchanged marriage vows: **Dorothy Ragle,** Hospital Train Unit, and **Milton Kluger; Melvina Hayes,** Military Personnel, and **Theodore Diestelhorst,** Laboratory Service; and **Viola Hocking,** Military Personnel, and M/Sgt. **Robert J. Walsh,** Registrar's office.

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new employees of Letterman: **Glorine DeWitt,** EENT Service,. and **Eugene Seadler,** Radio Room.

Dagmar Johnson, Ward 27, spent a recent week end in the Feather River country and she reports a wonderful time.

May Fewer, Post Exchange, is on two weeks leave and when she returns to her duties she will be a proud grandmother.

Lillian Taylor has again taken up her duties in the Registrar's office after spending two weeks vacation in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE'LL BE CALLING HER LIEUTENANT MARCY



Miss PAT MARCY,OTR
Those initials will soon be changed to WMSC

Officially her name is Miss Mercedes Marcy, and people like to shorten that to "Mercy Marcy," but we hesitated to put either of those names under her picture, because quite some time ago her family and friends decided that the name of "Pat" suited her so well that here at LGH she's much better known by that nickname. It goes with her red hair and ready smile, too.

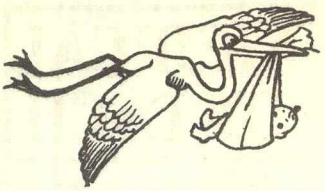
She was born in Los Angeles, and though it will be a blow to the southland, we're happy to record that she likes San Francisco much better. Her home now is in Pasadena. She attended Pasadena Junior College, and has her degree from the University of Southern California, where she specialized in Occupational Therapy during the last two years of her college work. While at USC she worked as a nurse's aide at Los Angeles County Hospital. She has been in the functional Occupational Therapy Shop here at Letterman since April.

At present Pat is a civilian, but in August she applied for a commission in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, and is daily awaiting word that the time has come for her to don a uniform, put the letters WMSC after her name, and be addressed as Lieutenant.

Pat's nine-month clinical training as an occupational therapist was spent in five hospitals, and for three months of that time she was at Letterman. The other hospitals included Children's Hospital, Hollywood, Los Angeles County Hospital, a hospital in Baltimore, Md., and another in Duarte, California.

She decided on occupational therapy as a career because she "likes people, likes working with them, and enjoys making things with her hands." Her favorites among the crafts are weaving and ceramics. She's fond of color, and acted as chief color-mixer recently when the ceramics section in the O. T. shop got a new coat of paint.

Pat shares a San Francisco apartment with two friends who are student nurses, and she has plenty of color there, too. The living room has a deep red ceiling and gray walls, one bedroom is done in chartreuse, and for a finishing touch there is "Lucky," a bright blue parrakeet who has the complete run of the house. Lucky is now being taught to talk, so he'll be accomplished as well as decorative.



To T/Sergeant and Mrs. Edwin L. Collins, a boy, **David Alan,** born 31 August.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James R. Lea, a boy, **James Roan, Jr.,** born 1 September.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. R. L. Quick, a boy, **Robert George,** born 1 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John C. Harper, a boy, **John Colma, Jr.,** born 1 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert J. Fair, a boy, **Robert Jerome, Jr.,** born 2 September.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward H. Evans, a girl, **Catherine Delphia,** born 2 September.

To Captain and Mrs. William E. Waters, a boy, **John,** born 2 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert Cecil Starkey, a girl, **Ruby Lucille,** born 3 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Beauman Harrel, a boy, **Bradley Beauman** born 3 September.

To Col. and Mrs. David X. Angluin, a girl, **Dana Charmian,** born 3 September.

To T/4 and Mrs. George Talton, a boy, **Eddie Paul,** born 3 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Reynold Arthur Atlas, a girl, **Nancy Jo,** born 3 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert J. Sunde, a boy, **Michael George,** born 3 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. Mercer R. Markman, a boy, **Russell Ray,** born 3 September.

To Col. and Mrs. Clarence O. Olson, a girl, **Janice Marie,** born 3 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard E. Holmes, a boy, **Howard Edwin,** born 4 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William A. Gritz, a boy, **William Wayne,** born 4 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. William P. Hartman, a boy, **William,** born 4 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Ray Alban, a girl, **Barbara Elizabeth,** born 5 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest E. Hoard, a girl, **Erna Elaine,** born 6 September.

MEDICAL DETACH

Pfc. **Jim Mayes** has been trying to get into this column ever since he first came to Letterman, and now so we finally have something on him. Every morning im serenades the barracks by crooning in his wonderful voice (he says) the many songs denoting Texas as the best State in the union.

Pfc. **William "BAA" Hooker** returned this week from his visit to Montana. He tells us that someone finally wrote a song about Montana. The title (it's the truth, so help me) is "I Met a Beaute in Butte, Montana."

Pfc. **Mike O'Toole** is still complaining about how hard he works. He claims that he has nightmares about the "green mold" that he scrubs from around the pool each day.

In case you are wondering why Cpl. **George Adams** was wearing that sling, it isn't because he wants to get out of some work. Says George, "it's the doctor's orders." It's actually because of an infected hand.

M/Sgt. **James Horton,** formerly of the 9956 Med. Detach. was visiting Letterman last week. He says that he now has a very good job. (He is working at the University of California Medical School in the ROTC section.) He claims that at the present time he works only about 2 hours a day. He says, however, that when school starts he will be putting in a full eight hours.

When Cpl. **Antony "Sandy" Gacioch** took some of his friends down to do a little bowling they claimed that he had paid off the pin setter because he kept getting so many strikes. "Sandy" bowled 195 the first time and 230 the second time and that is good.

Pfc. **Albia Phillips,** who works for Special Services, wasn't in the best of moods last Tuesday. It seems that he was out having fun the night before and he was paying for it Tuesday. He said that he was going home and go straight to bed after he finished work. We wonder. . . .!

To know a little less and to understand a little more; that, it seems to me, is our greatest need. **—James Ramsey Ullman.**

STORYTELLER STOHAN HAS A HOUSE WITH A VIEW AND FOUR ROSES



FRED M. STOHAN
In charge of Employee Utilization at Letterman

A variety of occupations in both civilian and military life have provided a good background for Fred M. Stohan in his work as head of Employee Utilization Branch of Civilian Personnel. Mr. Stohan came to Letterman in July. In his work here he deals with matters of employee recruitment, placement, training and general utilization.

He was born in Arcadia, Indiana, but his family moved to Lima, Ohio, when he was a small boy, so of course he regards Ohio as his home state. When he finished school he worked in Toledo as a cost accountant. Later he managed several theatres in Lima. For seven years he was head salesman for one of the large tobacco companies, with a three-state territory—Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

In August 1942 he came into the Army, and after induction at the reception center at Camp Perry, Ohio, he went to Fort Eustis, Virginia for basic training in the Coast Artillery. He attended OCS at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and was commissioned in April of 1943. He was then assigned to duty with the 212th Anti-Aircraft (AW) Battalion with station at Renton, Washingon.

In March 1944 he was on orders to go to Alaska, but the orders were changed and he was sent to Camp Haan, California. After a brief time there, his outfit was deactivated and he transferred to the Transportation Corps and was stationed at Oakland Army Base. He served there from August 1944 until March 1946 as administrative officer of the Quartermaster Section, Storage Branch.

After receiving his discharge he decided to remain in California and was with the Public Housing Administration here in San Francisco, in the finance and accounting section, until he came to Letterman in July.

Mr. Stohan's co-workers report that he has a large collection of witty stories with which he entertains them in spare moments, but unfortunately he didn't supply us with a sample.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The fur and feathers were flying at the Letterman NCO Club last Friday and the result was a riotous time enjoyed by all who were present. For additional information we recommend personal interviews with those who were lucky enough to be there. Or unlucky as the case may be!

Everybody seems to know all about Rct. **Allen (Mac) MacDonald's** secret life lately. Mac has acquired the rather informative habit of talking in his sleep. Informative, that is, for the rest of barracks. You ought to hear some of the things that dwell in his mind!

Rct. **Gene Williams** is patiently waiting for that certain piece of paper which bears "Discharge" on it in big letters. "Willy" is the one who ran into that open door with his eye last week. A Rebel at heart, he has come out with the statement that to be a Southerner one must have juleps. Could those be the "mint" variety?

Corporals **Donald Chah** and **Charles "Chuck" Harper** have a little excursion planned for the coming week end. Take it easy, boys, and you'll last longer! "Chuck" has made definite plans to see his brother, Mr. "I. W." while enroute.

Sergeant **James Oisten** left for a twenty day furlough to be spent in the Paul Bunyan land of Michigan. Jim's reason for a hasty departure was to be at the bedside of his mother who we understand is to undergo an operation soon.

Promotion Day is here again and those who profited by new titles are Privates **James H. McElreath** and **James H. Vanatta** who rose to Private First Class. Recruit **Jack R. Smith** made the grade to Private and once again holds his place among men.

Regular rail trips with delays enroute went out to Master Sergeant **Fred Creech,** Corporal **Claude Winters,** and Pfc. **Boyd Patterson.**

New members of the Hospital Train Section are Privates **Edward Caruso** and **Virgil C. Williard.** Best wishes and a hearty welcome from all the old HTU'ers.

Recruit: "I think I've lost a dollar."

NCO: "Don't worry. It's around here some place. You know a buck doesn't go far these days."

Troop Information And Education

No American should be denied the privilege of an education. If he cannot afford to complete his schooling as a civilian, the Army and the Air Force make it possible for him to continue to learn without giving up his educational ambitions.

It is the policy of the U. S. Army and of the U. S. Air Force to encourage every young man to complete his education before enlisting. This applies not only to high school students, but also to those who have the opportunity to go to college. Every young American is entitled to as much education as he has the capacity to absorb, and he should complete his schooling if he can afford it. If not, the Army and the Air Force offer him an opportunity to continue to learn while in uniform.

Today the Service offers unlimited horizons to ambitious men. The Education Program is definitely related to the individual's advancement in the Army or in the Air Force career, both for his benefit and for the good of the Service.

For example, a young man may wish to qualify for Aviation Cadet training, which requires two years of college or the equivalent. Under the Education Program he can earn a major part of his college credits while getting the practical background of Air Force training as an enlisted man.

As another example, a man may want to pass a certain specialist examination required for promotion. The Education Program offers specific subjects that will be helpful to him. Or he may wish to attend Officer Candidate School. The Education Program will help him prepare.

In these and in many other ways the Education Program helps individuals, and through them improves the defense of our Nation, now so dependent upon technical knowledge and general kowledge of every kind.

Gneral education is a sound basis for advancement and promotion in the Service—as it is elsewhere. And today's soldiers are smart and ambitious. In mental tests, they rate higher than any military establishment in history—higher than the average for civilians.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Armed Forces are seeking to recover approximately $32 million overpaid as family allowances during the war. A "hardship board" will review cases of veterans, in and out of service, on whom repayment would impose a difficult burden.

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Regulations are being changed to eliminate the Army's monthlv physical examination of enlisted personnel heretofore required.

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Commissioned and warrant officers serving overseas may apply immediately for entrance to ZI service schools, effective on their return to the U.S. Courses applied for must be related to their MOS, and must run for 21 months or more.

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Promotions for enlisted Air Force Personnel are opening up rapidly. Strength figures recently compiled showed nearly 3,000 vacancies for Master Sergeant. The Air Force contemplates nearly 100,000 promotions to corporal and above during the fiscal year 1949.

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First examinations for promotion under the new Career Guidance Plan will be conducted throughout the Army and Air Force November 16 to 19. Examinations will be in the Food Service field, pilot field of the Plan. Resulting grade advances will be made before the Christmas holidays.

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Designation of title for enlisted personnel of the Air Force has been definitely settled by directive. They will be called "airmen," including enlisted women. Women, however, will not be referred to as "airmen" in travel and assignment orders and other official documents.

New directives being prepared by the Army will prescribe an equitable procedure for temporary promotions of both Regular and Reserve officers of the lower grades. Selection boards will be presented with parallel lists within each group. Equal percentages of personnel will be selected. Promotion to first lieutenant, however, will not be by selection, but will be based on satisfactory service as a second lieutenant.

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A new directive will eliminate the old concept of physical fitness for general and limited service. The directive will relate physical profiles to MOS numbers so that the less physically fit will be assigned to duties within their physical capacity. The new regulation will not change general physical standards required.

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Enlisted personnel discharged after less than three years service are being informed that they are subject to the Selective Service law, and may be returned to service by their local boards, unless otherwise exempt.

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Senator Chan Gurney (S.D.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is on a tour of military installations in Europe and the Near East. He will inquire into morale of personnel, quality of equipment, and the effect of the U.S. foreign aid program on military requirements.

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Navy officers reduced in grade because of authorization limits will not be required to take written examinations for re-promotion to former rank. Prior satisfactory service in grade will be used as the criterion. Professional examination for promotion, suspended during the war, will be resumed for Regular officers.

Shorthand Classes

Three new free after-duty classes in shorthand, given for both military and civilian personnel, will begin next week at Fort Mason. Beginning Shorthand will be given each Monday, beginning 20 September; Intermediate Shorthand each Wednesday, beginning 22 September; Advanced Shorthand each Wednesday, beginning 22 September; Advanced Shorthand and Transcription each Friday, beginning 24 September.

The classes will be held in the Court Martial Room of Building 124 at 5 p. m. Students from Letterman who desire transportation to class are asked to contact the Fort Mason Port Education Office, extension 3529, prior to the first classes.

All Eligibles Will Be 'In' By Next June, Royall Says

Reading, Pa. (AFPS) — Speaking at a luncheon recently held in observance of Reading's 200th anniversary, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall stated that any draft-eligible young man who does not volunteer will probably be drafted before next June.

"No increase in voluntary enlistments will effect to any material extent the chance of a particular non-exempt, non-deferred and physically qualified young man being called into Service prior to June 30 of next year," the Army Secretary said.

Secretary Royall added that the Army, Navy and Air Force must get nearly one million men in the next ten months. They are needed to build the Defense Establishment up to 1,948,000 men by June 30, 1949.

Answering the Veterans Queries

The majority of veterans attending colleges and universities full-time under the G-I Bill will be able to work part-time without having their subsistence allowances reduced, according to Robert P. Shields, Veterans Administration Regional Manager.

No reduction in subsistence will be made as long as income from productive labor and subsistence allowance does not exceed these monthly "ceilings" established by law last spring; (1) $210 a month for a veteran without dependents; (2) $270 for a veteran with one dependent; or (3) $290 for a veteran with more than one dependent.

This does not mean that there is a limit on what a veteran may earn while attending college full-time. It does mean that a veteran-student may receive his full subsistence allowance if his monthly earnings are not more than $135 if he has no dependents, $165 if he has one dependent and $170 if he has more than one dependent.

For full-time training in colleges or universities, a veteran may receive $75 a month subsistence if he has no dependents, $105 if he has one dependent and $120 a month if he has more than one dependent.

Shields pointed out that student veterans can simplify and speed up the payment of their subsistence allowances by submitting all necessary papers to the school at the time they register.

Papers which should be submitted by the veteran at the time of registration are:

1. For veterans enrolling in training for the first time a certificate of eligibilty from the VA and proof of any dependents. Dependency proof usually consists of marriage or birth certificates.

2. Veterans who are changing schools this fall must submit a supplemental certificate of eligibility from VA and proof of any dependents acquired since they last attended school.

Some schools are not permitting veterans to enroll under the G-I Bill, even though they attended the same school last spring, until they prove that they have not used up their educational entitlement under the G-I Bill, Shields pointed out.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Two Lettermanites Given Cash Awards For Suggestions

Two cash awards for job suggestions, one for $50 and one for $20, were presented last week to two civilian employees of Letterman by Colonel James B. Stapleton, executive officer, in an informal ceremony in the office of the commanding general. The $50 award went to Miss Mary Ellen Anson of Hospital Mess Administration, and the $20 award to Paul Scholten of the Laboratory Service.

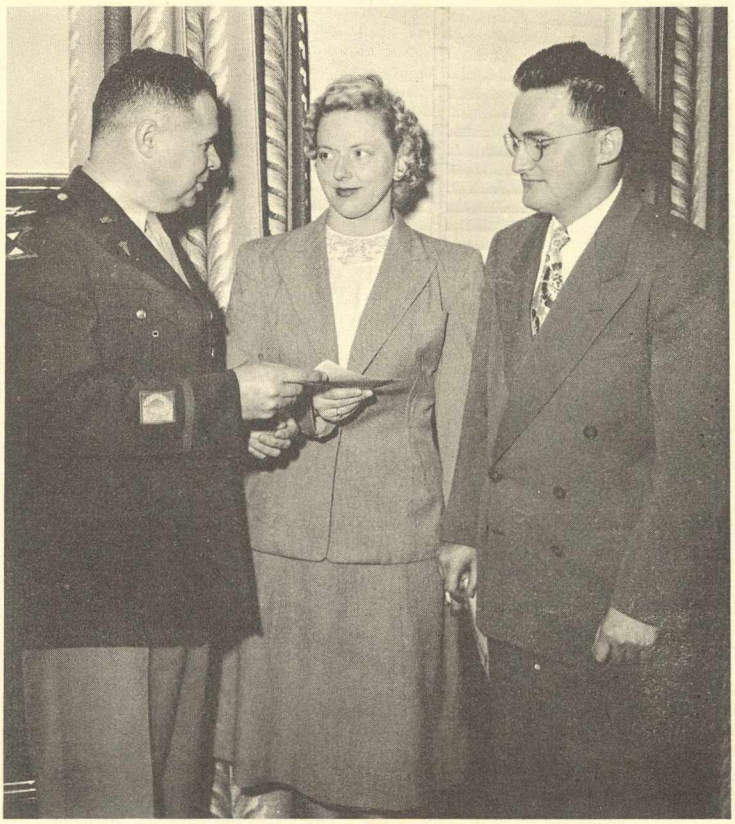
Miss Anson's award was given for a suggestion that a card system be used to record officer patient passes instead of recording them on large ledger sheets. It was estimated that an annual saving of over $1000 would be effected here at Letterman by putting her idea into practice. It has been recommended that after the system has been in effect here for a six-month trial period, a report on it be sent to The Surgeon General, with a view to its adoption by all Army hospitals.

Mr. Scholten's award was the result of the adoption of three suggestions he made for improving the efficiency of the Laboratory Service. These were: (a) that a box be constructed to be attached on or near the Laboratory door, where requests for lab work could be deposited; (b) that a table or cart be procured as a repository for incoming specimens, and a suitable sign be placed on it; (c) that a sign be posted on the Laboratory door to give further instructions concerning slips and specimens.

Mr. Scholten, who is a medical student at the University of California, served in the Medical Department during the war, and attended a labortory course here at Letterman in 1944. He has been working here this summer as a laboratory technician, but has now resigned to resume his studies.

On two previous occasions, while he was in the Army, he submitted ideas to the Suggestion Committee which were put into effect at the hospitals at which he was stationed. He received commendations for these ideas, which were submitted at Bushnell General Hospital and at Dibble General Hospital. Mr. Scholten has his BA from San Francisco State College, and has three more years to go to complete his medical studies at UC.

Both military and civilian personnel are eligible to submit work improvement ideas to the Suggestion Committee. Awards range from $10 to $250 for civilians, and military awards may take the form of passes, furloughs or promotions, depending upon the value of the idea. It is necessary only to write out the suggestion and submit it to the committee in order to have it receive consideration for an award.



RECEIVE AWARDS FOR SUGGESTIONS
Colonel James B. Stapleton, executive officer, presents a cash award of $50 to Miss Mary Ellen Anson of Hospital Mess Administration and an award of $20 to Paul Scholten of the Laboratory Service for suggestions for improving work efficiency.

Dog Show to Be Held at LGH Tomorrow

Letterman patients will be the guests of honor tomorrow at the Dog Show to be held on the parade grounds of the hospital beginning at 10 a. m. The occasion is a special San Francisco observance ushering in National Dog Week, which is from 26 September to 1 October. A number of pedigreed puppies will be given away to patients by means of a drawing.

The program is under the auspices of the Dog Defenders League of San Francisco, and arrangements for the show to be held at Letterman are in charge of First Lieutenant Raimon W. Lehman, Chief of Special Services. The Dog Show will be open to the public as well as to patients and duty personnel.

The events of the show will get under way with a special feature presented by the Northern California Retriever Club, "Hunting Dogs in Action." A Labrador retriever, a Chesapeake spaniel, an English setter, a German short-haired pointer and a cocker spaniel will demonstrate how retrievers aid in the conservation of game, and will also show the manner in which pointers and setters perform in the field.

After lunch the program will resume at 1 p. m., and will continue throughout the afternoon. The Northern California Dalmation Club, the Collie Club, the Schnauzer Club and the Chow Club will participate in puppy matches and in demonstrations of training for obedience.

Veteran dogs of the K-9 Corps will parade, there will be trick dog acts, and bench-show champions of the breeds from the various clubs will be exhibited. A number of other features are planned to add to the diversity of the program.

Annual EENT Outpatient Visits Average Over 12,000



WENDELL A. WELLER
Colonel, MC
Assistant Chief

The EENT (Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat) Service at Letterman, to which patients come on referral either from the Outpatient Service here or from various Army and Air Force hospitals in this area, has the gratifying record of completing treatment on all cases sent here in the past two years. The only exceptions are hearing cases, which are customarily sent to the hearing center at Walter Reed General Hospital for final treatment.

EENT has two sections—Ophthalmology, for the treatment of diseases of the eye, and Otolaryngology, for the treatment of ear, nose and throat ailments.

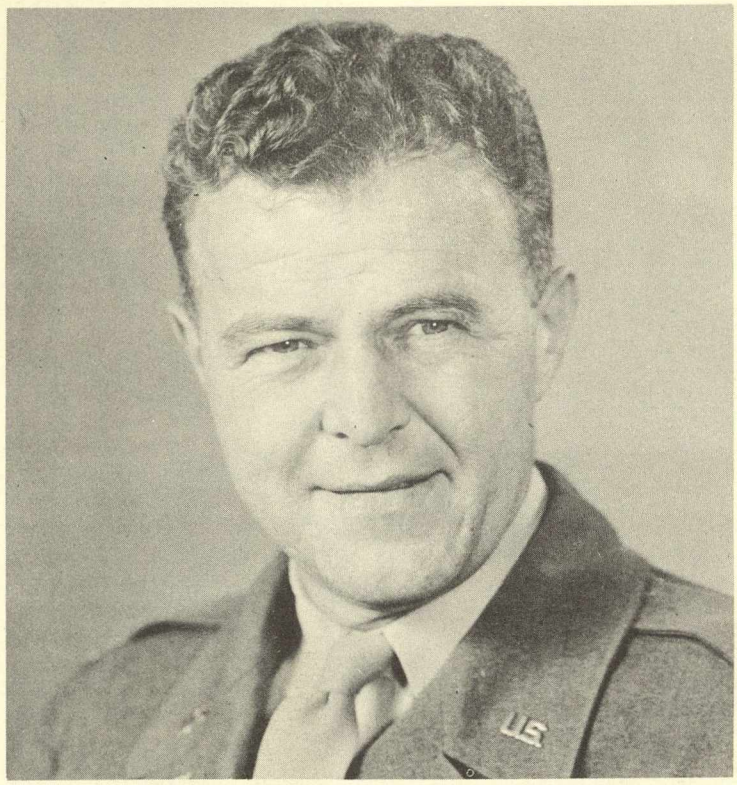
Annual admissions on the Ophthalmology Section average 350 patients, of which the majority are surgical. Outpatient visits number about 5200 annually. Annual admissions on the Otolaryngology Section average 900 patients, and 95 per cent of these undergo major surgical procedures. The outpatient visits on this service average 7100 a year.

Colonel Earl Maxwell, Chief of EENT Service, heads the Ophthalmology Section, and Colonel Wendall A. Weller, assistant chief of the service, is chief of the Otolaryngology Section.

The service boasts its own operating room, which is located between wards K-1 and K-3, and is staffed with two nurses and two surgical technicians. Approximately 100 beds are available for EENT patients, 65 of which are on wards K-1 and K-3. The remaining beds are on wards A-1, A-2, P-1, H and 2. The EENT patient load at present is close to 100. About 35 operations are performed each week. These include mastoid operations, tonsillectomies, cataract operations and various others.

In addition to the regular treatment activities of the service, an intensive residency training program is carried on by the members of the assigned staff and the attending staff. All the members of the attending staff of both sections of the EENT Service are diplomates of either the American Board of Ophthalmology or Otolaryngology.

Letterman residents visit the University of California and the Stanford University medical schools regularly to attend clinics. The nature of the residency training is pyramidal, in that the assigned and visiting staff members teach the residents; the residents teach the assistant residents, and the assistant residents teach the interns the various diagnostic and surgical procedures.

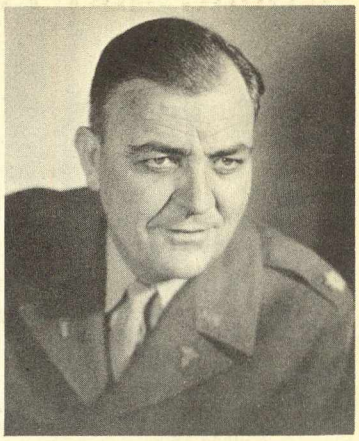


Colonel EARL MAXWELL, MC
Chief of Letterman's EENT Service

Residency training on the Ophthalmology Section is for a three-year period; on the Otolaryngology Section it is for two years.

The four physicians on the attending staff of the Ophthalmology Section are: Dr. Frederick C. Cordes, professor of Ophthalmology at the University of California School of Medicine; Dr. Crowell Beard and Dr. Michael J. Hogan, faculty members at UC, and Dr. Max Fine, of the faculty of Stanford University School of Medicine.

There are three physicians on the attending staff of the Otolaryngology Section: Dr. Robert C. McNaught, professor of Otolaryngology at Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Shirley H. Baron and Dr. Walter P. Work, faculty members at Stanford.

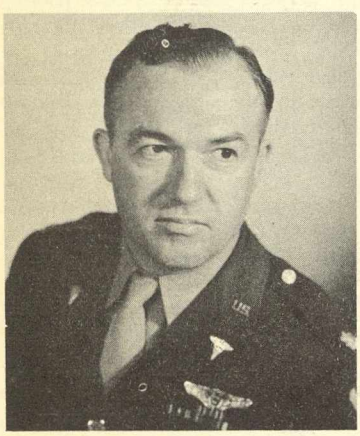


JOHN W. LINFESTY
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Resident, Ophthalmology

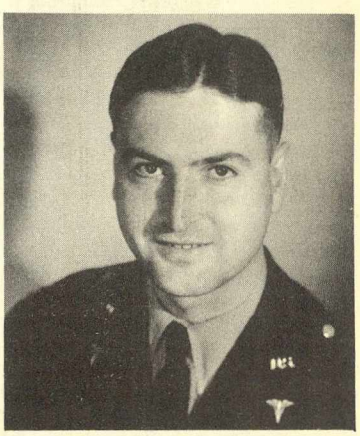
Colonel Maxwell, the Chief of EENT, who has recently completed 20 years service in the Army, has been at Letterman since June 1946. A native of Illinois, he was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and entered the Army in 1928. He interned at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and later attended the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. He is also a graduate of the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and of the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, and he holds a flight surgeon's rating.

He was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1930 to 1936, then was assigned to Gorgas Hospital, Canal Zone. Later he was chief of EENT service and flight surgeon at the station hospital,

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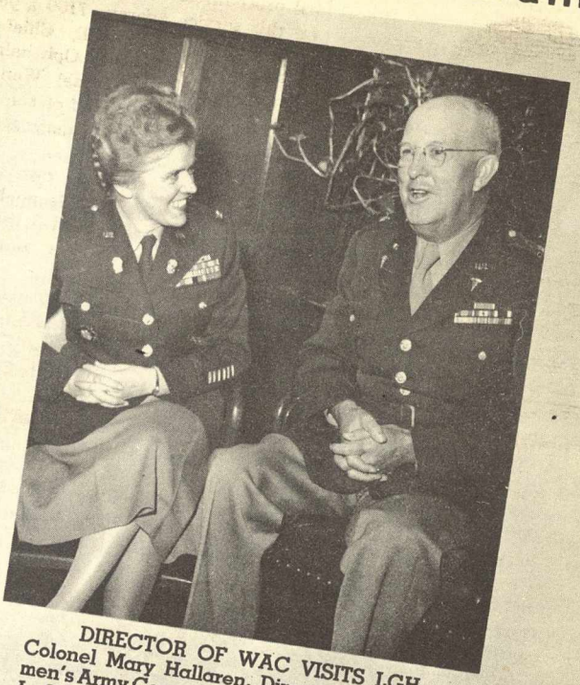


RALPH N. KRAUS
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



PROMOTIONS FOR FOUR NURSES
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, pins the insignia of their new rank on (L to R): Majors Myrtle C. Huhner, Marie L. Pace, Alvine L. Schmidt and Lieut. Col. Frances C. Henchey. Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, (extreme right) attended the promotion ceremony.



DIRECTOR OF WAC VISITS LGH
Colonel Mary Hallaren, Director of the Women's Army Corps, chats with Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, during her recent visit here.



OLYMPIC SWIM STAR
Zoe Ann Olsen, recently a Letterman visitor, stops to talk with Roger Helstrom, patient on ward K-3.



BILLIE DE WOLFE
even got a laugh from Jane Ordway, another entertainer on his show, when he did his famous imitation of "Mrs. Murgatroyd" at the Recreation Hall last week for LGH patients.

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EDITORIAL

FOR THE FUTURE

It is not always realized by those who view the Army from outside its ranks that the Army way of life offers experience that can serve as an excellent preparation for problems that arise for the individual in any walk of life.

General Mark Clark, Sixth Army commandant, commenting recently on the introduction of the recruit to the Army through Selective Service, pointed out some of the values of military service on these words:

"The inductee . . . will discover that basically or fundamentally Army life is much the same as civilian life, in that cooperation, team work, willingness to learn, respect for one's leaders and instructors will bring the same beneficial results, awards and promotions as he could aim at in civilian life. In fact, much more quickly in many cases, because of the Army's need for leadership in its expansion program. Above all, perhaps he will find that the loyalty and fellowship permeating the Army will result in forming friendships that will last him through life."



Eighteen nurses assigned to Letterman and one who is at present a patient here took the examination last week for promotion to the permanent grade of Captain, and all came through with flying colors. They are: Major **Lois Kinnison,** Captains **Annabel M. Christiansen, Anne M. Hackett, Kate Haenisch, Helen Nelson, Kazmiera A. Jeffer, Kathryn M. Doody, Grace Delaney, Christine Coletti, Lois R. Dimmerling, Loretta Bevins, Eleanor H. Faulk, Mary A. Ward, Dorothy L. Looby,** and First Lieuts. **Edith Ansley, Helen M. Martin** and **Elizabeth C. Mahoney.**

Captain **Kate Haenisch,** ANC, recently assigned to duty at Letterman after several months as a patient here, will be leaving soon for overseas duty in the European Command. Her last station before coming to LGH was Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii.

Seven Letterman nurses are on overseas orders for the Pacific, with destination Yokohama; two are going to Bremerhaven, Germany, and one to Manila. They will be leaving in October and November, and are busy now with plans for pre-embarkation leave. Those who will go to Yokohama are Captains **Leota Clark, Dorothea McCarty, Loretta Bevins, Margaret Tollefson,** and First Lieuts. **Dorcas Barondes, Alice Bechtelheimer** and **Mary Beane.** First Lieut. **Violet Klein** will be stationed in Manila, and Bremerhaven will be the destination of First Lieuts. **Nellie Casey** and **Opal Coffey.**

First Lieut. **Carrie Partridge,** of the dietitians staff, is also leaving shortly for overseas duty in Germany. She will spend her 30-day pre-embarkation leave at her home in Tarzana, California, in the San Fernando Valley.

A welcome goes this week to a newcomer to Letterman's Army Nurse Corps—Captain **Burnett C. Drumm,** who came to LGH from Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Words of a nature to tempt the appetite are apt to be overheard when Captain **Velma Richardson,** Chief dietitian, answers the telephone. When she picked up the phone one day this week, a forecast of a forthcoming menu came over the wire with the words "Bacon and Welsh Rarebit." We'd like to be on hand for that.

WAC

Major **Beatrice Ringgold,** WAC staff director from the Office of The Surgeon General, spent two days at Letterman this week on a visit of inspection. Thursday, the day of her arrival, she addressed a company meeting of the detachment.

Corporal **Bessie Jeffries** of the Pre-Natal Clinic is spending a 22-day leave at her home in Wisconsin.

Corporal **Olive Badger** of the Dental Annex will be spending the next four months in Texas. She is attending a 16-week dental X-ray course at the Medical Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

"All By Myself" might well be the current theme song for Sergeant First Class **Lestie Roach** these days, since she is holding forth in solitary splendor as the sole occupant of the second floor of barracks 212.

It is reported that one of Captain **Charlotte Woodworth's** favorite companions is a hospital patient, but not at Letterman. The patient is the captain's dog, Terry, and he is in the veterinary hospital.

Corporal **Jean Marsland** is leaving for Camp Lee, Virginia, having been transferred to cadre there, and her duties in the WAC orderly room here have been taken over by Sergeant **Jane Jones.**

Captain **Ruby McAllister,** WMSC, who until recently was administrative officer on the Orthopedic Service, is now serving in the same capacity on the Surgical Service. She is replacing Captain **Joshua Hoxie,** who is leaving for overseas duty on Okinawa.

Sergeant **Billie L. Maples** has enlisted in the Regular Army, and will be enjoying her 30-day reenlistment leave at her home in Alabama.

When Sergeant **Rose Ruscak** of the Information Office says goodbye to the Army next week she will go to Chicago to make her home. And her housing and occupational problems are already solved. She will share an apartment with **Betty Page,** a former WAC who was a patient at Letterman last year. As for her work, she has a job waiting for her—with the telephone company. Her friends at Letterman wish her success and happiness for the future.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, 26 September, , 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 00600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

From Mrs. Truman

Mrs. Harry Truman, wife of the President of the United States, sent a gift of flowers to the patients at Letterman on Wednesday of this week when she was in San Francisco with President Truman. The flowers were distributed to those on bed-patient wards.

Examination

A forthcoming examination for Clerks has been announced by the Civil Service Commission, and the closing date for applications is 30 September. Positions to be filled range from grade CAF-1 to CAF-6, with a few in grade CAF-7. Salaries are from $2086 to $3727 a year.

The jobs to be filled are for clerks only, and clerk-typists or clerk-stenographers cannot be certified to their present positions as a result of passing this examination.

The types of clerical positions for which the examination is being given include the following: General, personnel, mail and file, legal, statistical, transportation and traffic, correspondence, time, leave and payroll, commercial accounting and auditing, fiscal accounting and auditing, property and stock control, and surplus property disposal.

Application blanks and more detailed information about the examination may be obtained in the Civilian Personnel office, Room 205, LGH Administration Building.

It is not our own defects which make us the saddest, not our own virtues which please us the most. More than our own, the defects of the people of whom we are fond distress us. More than our own virtues, their virtues make us happy. —Mary Margolies.

WAC OF THE WEEK



EVELYN V. LEONARD
Corporal

Due to the change in Army titles, Evelyn Leonard, recent addition to the WAC ranks at LGH, is now known as Corporal instead of Sergeant, but says it's still a bit difficult to remember to say "Corporal" Leonard when she answer the phone.

Evelyn's home town is Fitchburg, Mass., 18 miles from Fort Devens, which made it handy when she decided to enlist in the WAC in July 1943. She enlisted in Springfield, Mass., where she had been working at the Springfield Armory as an inspector of firearms, but was sent to Fort Devens for a couple of weeks before she went to Daytona Beach, Fla., for basic training and Cooks' and Bakers' School.

Her first assignment was at the Army Air Base as Las Vegas, Nevada, in the station hospital there. It began with cooking and baking, as she'd expected, but due to a shortage of personnel, she woke up one morning, she says, "with a handful of thermometers," assigned to ward duty. She liked it, and during the rest of her two years there, worked on the contagious ward and on the maternity ward.

She spent five months overseas, with the 97th General Hospital, Frankfort, Germany, and liked that so much that she's hoping for another overseas assignment. She was obliged to return on emergency leave because of the illness of her mother. Discharged in March 1946, she re-enlisted in November, and went to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. (She translates D. C. as "District of Confusion.") She came to LGH in August and is on duty in the Pre-Natal Clinic.

Evelyn enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 July, the day after the RA bill for the WAC was passed.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

A Hole-in-One golf tournament for Lettermen patients will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at the Pitch n' Putt course, and it isn't necessary actually to make a hole in one to win one of the prizes. Participants will be given six balls each, and will shoot for the cup on the ninth green. Those who get their balls into either the 4-ft., 8-ft. or 10-ft. circle around the cup will be eligible for prizes, according to Master Sergeant **Carus Hicks** of Physical Reconditioning. Patients interested in competing may sign up at the gym.

Captain **Frank Douglas** of ward A-2 is looking forward to his own personal D-Day (D for Douglas, of course) next Tuesday, 28 September. On that day, he says, he will have been under the care of the Medical Department for four years, and although Army hospitals have not exactly become synonymous with home for him, he is certainly becoming acclimated to them. He shyly suggests that anyone interested in celebrating his anniversary rally round, armed with champagne, so that the thing can be done properly.

This will remind chess players and also those who are interested in an extra-special display of mental powers to be on hand in the Recreation Hall next Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., when Mr. **George Koltanowski,** chess expert, will give a demonstration of his powers of concentration at the chess table. He will carry on several games simultaneously without looking at the chessboard, and will also play blindfolded. He accompanies his demonstrations with a lecture.

Verbal orchids go to Pfc. **Felix Rybicki** of ward 1, who on his last visit to the Occupational Therapy Shop before discharge from the hospital came bearing a farewell box of candy for the members of the O. T. staff. Felix was one of the prize pupils in O. T., setting something of a record when he wove a rug in half a day.

It is said of Corporal **Benjamin Butler,** paratrooper patient of ward E-1, that he is not enjoying being promoted from bed-patient to wheelchair status as much as he expected. It seems he feels that the service he gets now is not quite so de luxe as when he was in bed.

Sergeant **Guy Shortz** now has the nucleus of another Hill-Billy band, having recruited two patients who qualify. Both are currently to be heard daily over Letterman's radio station KLGH in a 15-minute program at 4:15 p.m. Sergeant **Arthur Lawrence** of ward B-2 is the master of ceremonies, and he sings and plays mandolin, guitar and string bass. Pfc. **Dave Altmeyer** of ward 27 also sings and plays the harmonica.

Another popular program in which LGH patients participate is "Keyboard Reflections," heard at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. Pfc. **John Van Epps** of ward C-48 is the announcer; Sergeant **Bob Denny** of ward 41 is the man at the keyboard, and Pfc. **Leon Lichter** of ward C-48 sings, in what is described as "Frankie-Lane" style. Bob Denny, who has put on the same type of broadcast in Italy and Germany, calls the program 15 minutes of "unholy harmony," but the listeners have a more flattering name for it.

Pvt. **Clifton Flowers** of ward K-2 is not too happy, we surmise, with the name he earned since someone painted his toenails a vivid firehouse red. They're now calling hm "Miss Flowers."

It has been suggested that Lieut. **Gerald Driscoll,** patient on ward A-2, needs his own private sitting room, since he is usually to be found with at least five or six visitors at one time.

Sergeant **Sidney Hoskings,** patient on ward E-1, has been wavering between football games and horseraces as to which is his favorite spectator sport. But no more. After returning from a trip to the races with a balance of $2.80 remaining out of a $20 bill, he has turned to football. Fortunately he had left $5 in care of Sergeant **Edward Meier,** or the $2.80 would have been **all** until payday.

His pals on ward F-2 have been ribbing Pfc. Dick Romero about his "romantic" long eyelashes, referring to them as "woman-traps."

Her list of likes includes knitting and reading; dislikes, riding n San Francisco taxis. She says the drivers must be color blind, they go through so many red lights.

ON THE SPOT



ROBERT de KALANDS
Master Sergeant

Although he's temporarily grounded, due to the fact that he's a patient at present, Master Sergeant Robert de Kalands' main interest lies in matters dealing with the "wild blue yonder." He has held a commercial pilot's license for the past ten years, and is also a licensed instructor for glider piloting. Last year at a meet held in Savannah, Georgia, he won the title of Glider Acrobatics Champion for the Southeastern United States.

Bob was born in Miami, Florida, and later lived in Flint, Michigan. He returned to Florida to attend Miami University. In June 1939 he enlisted in the Army, and shortly afterward was promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant and assigned to duty as an instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. In April of 1942 he went to Camp Blanding as company sergeant with the 20th Engineer Combat Regiment. He was at Camp Crowder for a time, then went to Camp McCoy for processing for overseas duty.

In August of 1943 he went overseas to England, and was later sent to Marseilles, France, for duty with the 36th Division. His next assignment was as motor sergeant for headquarters company, XIII Corps.

He was commissioned as second lieutenant in March 1945, and three months later was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. His first assignment as an officer was in liaison work with the 36th Division.

Returning to New York in November 1945, he went to Fort McClellan, Alabama, but shortly afterward became a patient at Oliver General Hospital. In May 1947, when he re-enlisted with the grade of Master Sergeant, he was still a patient there. In April of this year he came to Letterman.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gwen Scopin of the Baggage Room is on sick leave following a minor operation performed recently. We extend every wish for a rapid recovery.

Two weddings kept **Madeleine Rose** of the Chaplain's office busy last week-end. She played the role of bridesmaid both times and between rushing to San Jose for one wedding on Sunday and rushing back to take part in another at the Presidio chapel on Monday, she feels she is in need of a little rest and quiet.

Jim Sharp, Finance, spent two weeks vacation at Shasta Lake and Slade Lake and most of his time was spent fishing. He says that though the catch was small he enjoyed every minute of it.

Bill O'Brien, Record Room, traveled via air to Washington, D. C., last week to take a two-day course in microfilming.

Luke Madamba, Post Office, returned last week from a month's vacation spent in New York and Washington. He claims a wonderful time but declares the weather was too hot and was glad to get back to cool San Francisco.

Among the former Lettermanites who visited the hospital recently to see old friends were **Eulalia Marea,** formerly of the Dental Clinic, **Phyllis Solon,** formerly of Military Personnel, and **Mary Ivory Reinert,** who worked in Civilian Personnel.

Janice Zoberbier resigned recently from the Out Patient Service and will leave for Europe on 22 September to work for the State Department.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new employees of Letterman: **Letha Stanley,** Hospital Mess Administration; **August Shambrey,** Medical Supply; **Kazue Jane Suzuki,** Orthopedic Service and **Ethel Murphy,** Hospital Mess Administration.

Louise Stockle, former librarian of Letterman, writes that she is now librarian of the Research library at Tide Water Associated Oil Company of California and is residing in Martinez.

"We were in Paris on my birthday and my husband offered me my choice of a Rembrandt or a Titian as a gift."

"Well, my dear, you'll like any of those French cars."

AN ANNIVERSARY AND AN AWARD, BOTH IN ONE WEEK, FOR MARY ELLEN



Miss MARY ELLEN ANSON
Of the Hospital Mess Administration office

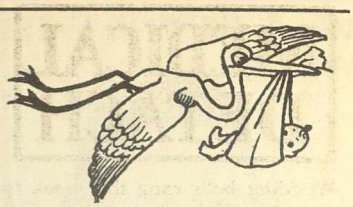
Two events made last week memorable for Miss Mary Ellen Anson of Hospital Mess Administration. On 16 September she had completed two years at Letterman, and on 17 September she received a $50 cash award for a job improvement idea submitted to the Suggestion Committee. She says getting the award was a very pleasant way to celebrate the anniversary of her arrival here.

Although she was born in St. Charles, Iowa, Mary Ellen's home for most of her life has been Twin Falls, Idaho, and there everyone knows her as Mary Ellen. But at Letterman that's been shortened to Mary, or sometimes to Mea, which is the way she signs her three initials on memoranda. Mea does the bookkeeping for the Hospital Mess Administration office, and supervises the work of four assistants.

After she finished high school she attended Twin Falls Business University, where she specialized in bookkeeping and cost accounting. She gained experience in her specialties as bookkeeper for a wholesale magazine distributor, and later worked in the same capacity for a Twin Falls department store.

Next month she will have completed five years service as a civilian employee of the Army. She began in October 1943, with a cost accounting job in the office of the Post Engineer at a prisoner of war camp in Rupert, Idaho. Later she became Chief Clerk in the office. She was at the camp from the time it was activated until it closed in September 1946. She has a lot of interesting stories to tell of the experiences she had while working at the camp.

When Mary Ellen came to Letterman in 1946 it was her first trip to California, and she says she found it all she had been led to expect, and more. She found a pleasant place to live, and she thoroughly enjoys working with the mess personnel, and also the work itself. After the P. W. camp, which was in desert-like country, she particularly enjoys the luxuriant flowers hereabouts. The things she likes to do best when she isn't working include dancing, going for long walks, listening to music and seeing movies.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur David Smith, Jr., a boy, **Arthur David, III,** born 6 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Ellis Vernon Davis, a girl, **Susan Carole,** born 6 September.

To Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Johnson, a boy, **Robert Maurice, Jr.,** born 6 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Donald E. Gilkey, a boy, **Donald Earl, Jr.,** born 6 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Philip Vincent Krenz, a boy, **Philip Vincent, Jr.,** born 6 September.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Yasuo Umezu, a girl, **Miki,** born 6 September.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter W. Wiesenburger, a girl, **Carolee Ann,** born 7 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Guillermo Lugo, a girl, **Carmen Mercedes,** born 7 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert A. Wickland, a girl, **Diane Cheryl,** born 7 September.

To Lt. and Mrs. George D. Tozier, a girl, **Dianne Christine,** born 7 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. James Sziber, a boy, **James Jr.,** born 7 September.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Ray E. Corpuz, a boy, **Fred Balugo,** born 8 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Howard P. Padgett, a girl, **Hazel Eileen,** born 8 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Henry B. Canoles, a boy, **Henry Baker, Jr.,** born 8 September.

To Major and Mrs. Burgess G. Hodges, a boy, **Burgess Gardner, Jr.,** born 8 September.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Harris, a boy, **James Jr.,** born 9 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Wright, a boy, **Norman Allen,** born 9 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Wesley Ray Daniels, a girl, **Leslie Elizabeth,** born 9 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph John Vida, a boy, **James Edward,** born 9 September.

To Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Newcomer, a girl, **Patricia Marie,** born 9 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Neil L. Artz, a girl, **Glenda Lee,** born 14 September.

MEDICAL DETACH

Wedding bells rang this week for a member of the detachment when Sergeant first class **Boydell E. Nedry** of the Medical Service and Miss **Mary Alice Thies** were married Monday, 20 September, in the Presidio Post chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Daniel Shea. The bride, who flew here from her home in Minenapolis with her mother, wore white satin with a fingertip veil, and carried white orchids. Miss **Madeline Rose** of the chaplain's office was maid of honor, and wore a pale orchid brocade frock and carried white carnations. Captain **William H. Kilborn** of the Medical Service was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the St. Francis, after which the bride and groom left for a honeymoon in Los Angeles.

Pfc. **Charles Gibson** of Physical Reconditioning Branch has just returned from a trip to Florida (the true land of sunshine, he says). His buddies here were disappointed because he failed to fulfill his promise to bring them a baby alilgator. He had a good excuse, though. Said the only ones he could find were too big to carry.

Pfc. **Harold Nichols** of Troop I & E Branch was the proud escort of the girl who won the beauty contest at the detachment picnic, held last Sunday at Boyes Springs. She is his fiancee, Miss **Maria Matus** of Nicaragua, niece of the Nicaraguan consul general in San Francisco. Maria is the reason "Nick" is busy studying Spanish these days.

Most hilarious event of the detachment picnic was the pie-eating contest. In his efforts to finish first, First Sergeant **Willis Crump** had chocolate meringue from one ear to the other. But his efforts were in vain. Pfc. **James Faucette** of Special Services emerged from the flying meringue as the acknowledged victor.

A nightly ritual has been performed by Pfs. **Mike O'Toole,** Pfc. **Bradford Libby** and Pfc. **William S. Gambee** for the past month. Each night they scrape all their spare change together and go down to the Marina for a cup of hot chocolate.

BEING AN EX-NAVY MAN, HE LIKES TO BUILD A BOAT NOW AND AGAIN



HAROLD MOSHER
Chief of VA Guidance Unit at Letterman

A veteran of both World War I and II, Harold Mosher, the Chief of the Veterans Administration Guidance Unit here at Letterman, brings to his task unusual qualifications in his field. He is now on his second "tour of duty" here at Letterman. The first time was from September 1946 until September 1947; this time he has been here since last February.

Both patients and duty personnel come to the guidance unit for help with either educational or occupational plans for the future. The unit is equipped to give aptitude tests as well as information on educational institutions and training opportunities, Mr. Mosher points out.

Mr. Mosher was born in Palo Alto, California, and in the course of obtaining his education attended a number of colleges—Stanford University, San Jose State, University of California at Berkeley, UCLA, and Columbia University. His graduate work was done at UC in the field of vocational education. Before he took his first degree, he was in the Navy for 19 months, during World War I.

After the war ended he went into the teaching field. He taught for 18 years at Monterey High School, becoming director of vocational education there.

In June 1942 he again became a Navy man. A tour of duty at 13th Naval District headquarters in Seattle was followed by one at the Naval Training Station in Newport, R. I., after which he returned to Seattle. At that station, where he remained until November 1945, he became director of vocational training. At the time of his discharge from the Navy he held the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Early in 1946 he was appointed vocational advisor with the VA, at the Regional office here in San Francisco. He worked on various special assignments, one of which was an experimental 8-week tour with a mobile unit which brought VA guidance service to 21 California towns.

Mr. Mosher's family consists of his wife, Alta Marie, three sons, Harold, Jr., Roger and Loren, and a stepson, Thomas. He likes to play golf when he has time, but his really favorite off-duty occupation is boat building and sailing. Having sold his first boat, the "Nirvana," he is now at work on another.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Regular rail trips with delays en route went this week to Sergeant First Class **Mack H. Nichols** and Corporals **Thomas S. Butler** and **Bobby C. Sullivan.** Their respective "delay" destinations are Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Congratulations are in order for Pfc. **Boyd Patterson,** who was promoted to the grade of Corporal, and Pvt. **James C. Phelps,** who was promoted to the grade of Pfc.

Word has been received from Master Sergeant **Howard E. Holmes,** formerly Sergeant Major of the Hospital Train Section, that he has arrived in Portland and assumed his new duties of organizing an ROTC unit at the Dental College there.

Our detachment fisherman, Sergeant First Class **James L. Mitchell,** has taken over the duties of Chief Clerk in the Evacuation Section. Sergeant First Class **Warren Kernop,** formerly in the Records Section, has assumed the job vacated by Sergeant Mitchell. We wish both of them lots of luck on their new assignments.

Any of the fellows who carry an MOS of Trapper (of animals, that is) might contact Sergeant First Class **Jack Lavelle** over in the Mess. He was heard muttering something like "Never, never have so few produced so many in so short a time."

A job worth doing is worth doing well—such is the conclusion reached by our competent and affable duty sergeant, Sergeant First Class **John Mack.**

The Hospital Train Section extends a hearty welcome to five newcomers; Privates **Lawrence W. Griese, Werner H. Guethert, Hipolite R. Morin,** and Recruits **Crus R. Fontanez** and **Nolan K. Pfeffer.**

Wife: "I was a fool when I married you."

Husband: "I guess you were at that, but I was too infatuated to notice it."

Beggar: "Will you give a quarter to a blind man, beautiful lady?"

Lady: "If you are blind, how do you know I'm beautiful?"

Beggar: "Well, to tell the truth, I'm not blind."

Lady: "Here's a dollar."

More About EENT Service

(Continued from Page 2)

Barksdale Field, La.; and base surgeon at Army Air Base, Savannah, Ga.

During the war he held the rank of Brigadier General while overseas as theatre surgeon for the South Pacific Area, from 1942 to 1944. He served on Okinawa and in Japan before returning to the United States. Shortly after his return he came to Letterman and his present assignment.

Colonel Wendell A. Weller, assistant chief of EENT, who has been in the Army for 19 years, is now on his second tour of duty at Letterman. Colonel Weller is a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology.

Colonel Robert P. Rea, assistant chief of Otolaryngology Section, is away from the hospital at present, but is still assigned to EENT. He is in New York for a six-week course of study at Lempert Institute.

Lieut. Col. John W. Linfesty, assistant chief of Ophthalmology, is now on his second tour of duty here. He served as a ward officer on EENT during his former two-year tour.

The other medical officers assigned to EENT Service are Major George L. Scheetz, Captain Ralph N. Kraus and Captain John J. McLoone, assistant residents in Otolaryngology, and Captain Francis X. Weixel, assistant resident in Ophthalmology.

CWO Benjamin Franklin is the administrative assistant on the service, and Sfc John Delgado is the NCO in charge.

Hospital Camp Shows On 28,000 Mile Tour

By Armed Forces Press Service

New York (AFPS)—There's enough comedy and romance in the daily routine of hospital life to make up a 75-minute show jam-packed with laughs, patients in service and veterans hospitals in the metropolitan area discovered recently.

The show, "Film Fun," previewed here, before starting on a nation-wide tour for Veterans Hospital Camp Shows, is the aftermath of a writing contest conducted among hospitalized veterans this spring. Patients from Germany to California were encouraged to test their theatrical talents and responded with 315 sketches, songs and lyrics. The best of these were selected for the new production.

GENERAL ANSWERS INQUIRY ON 'DOWN-GRADING' OF CORPORAL

(Following is the text of a letter written by Major Gen. John E. Dahlquist, acting Army Director of Personnel & Administration, in reply to an unnamed Corporal who protested the "down-grading" of his rank in the recent changes in grade titles.) AFPS

Text of Letter

Dear Corporal—

Your letter has been handed to me. I am answering it because of my interest in the career of all soldiers including your own and because Department of the Army Circular 202, 1948 was worked up by officers under my direction. Let me tell you some of the reasoning behind some of the provisions of this Circular.

First it was felt that there should be greater opportunities for the peacetime soldier in the Regular Army. How could we fix it so that there would be possibilities for all men to advance to the higher pay grades without stumbling against lack of a T/O vacancy? In the Army prior to World War II a soldier had to wait for vacancies, even for promotion to Private First Class (old pay grade 6). In working out Circular 202 it was decided that when a man completed his 13 weeks basic training or had four months service, he should be promoted to grade 6. This has been provided for. There has been some confusion in interpreting this promotion after 13 weeks basic training because of the new 8 weeks basic training course. Promotion in this case will be made when a soldier completes four months service if he is satisfactory to his unit commander.

Our next problem was to promote a man above the sixth pay grade. In order not to keep a soldier in that pay grade because there were no T/O vacancies in higher grades, it was determined to promote him to the next grade—five—after 16 months service in pay grade 6 even if there were no T/O vacancies for him.

Let me illustrate another problem by considering an Infantry Rifle Squad. We believe that a qualified member of a Rifle squad should be entitled, at least, to the fifth pay grade. If this were done, under the old grade titles, all the men in the squad might turn up as NCO's, which, I think you will agree, would make a peculiar squad. Based on this factor and others, it then was decided to change pay grade 5 from a non-commissioned officer title. In answer to this change-over, you must remember a man may be promoted to grade 5, if there is a T/O vacancy for him, but can still be so promoted without such a vacancy when he has served for sixteen months and is a satisfactory soldier as determined by his unit Commanding Officer.

The title Corporal is an old and honored one which we wanted to retain. Therefore we decided to use it for pay grade 4. Now promotion to this pay grade follows the same pattern as promotion to grade 5, i.e., promotion if there is an T/O vacancy, or automatic promotion even if there is no vacancy. This automatic promotion can be made for men with 30 months of service.

The Circular originally also provided that this 30 months be consecutive. Realizing this was an injustice to the man who had a break of more than 90 days between enlistments, especially to the man who had combat experience, this has been corrected. Now the 30 months is total "good" (i.e., AWOL, confinement, etc., doesn't count for this time) service and does not have to be consecutive. All active, honorable, Federal service in any of the United States Armed Forces counts.

The career fields referred to by this Circular is an attempt to offer equal opportunities to all in the service. After the soldier enters his proper career field, he will have an equal chance with all of his grade in that field regardless of where he happens to be assigned. Yes, he will have to take an examination for promotion. But this examination will be a combination written tests and practical work. At the time a man takes an examination, throughout the Army all of his grade in that field will take the same exam. Vacancies will be determined throughout the entire Army. If, say one hundred vacancies are found for one job in one field, then the top one hundred competitors will be promoted. Self-study manuals on the subjects required for each test will be published and supplied once a career field is established.

Within the Department of the Army we are also now working on up-grading positions for all units. By this I mean increasing the percentage of individuals holding the higher pay grades.

I hope that I have explained in this letter some of our reasons behind the provisions of Circular 202. I assure you that it has been planned to give to the soldier of today a better pathway of advancement in the service.

Because I feel that some of these points I have mentioned in this letter to you may not be understood by others, I am giving it some publicity without using your name, organization or location.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN E. DAHLQUIST
Major General, GSC

Answering the Veterans Queries

There are a number of important "deadline dates" on G-I Bill benfits which World War II veterans should keep in mind, Veterans Administration officials point out.

The benefits and their deadline dates are:

1. Readjustment allowances. Veterans who were discharged on or before July 25, 1947, can apply for readjustment allowances up to July 25, 1949. Men discharged after July 25, 1947, are entitled to readjustment allowances until two years after discharge. However, no readjustment allowances are payable after July 25, 1952.

2. G-I education or training benefits have two deadlines, one to enter training and another to complete training. Education or training must be started within four years after discharge or by July 25, 1951, whichever is later. As a general rule, education or training must be completed not later than July 25, 1956. The exceptions from the general rule are veterans who enlisted or reenlisted before October 6, 1946. These men figure deadlines on G-I Bill benefits from date of discharge, and may start and complete their training later than other veterans.

3. G-I loan guaranty or insurance applications can be made until July 25, 1957.

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Question: I am a World War II veteran and intend to go abroad for several years. does VA have representatives in foreign countries?

Answer: The Foreign Service of the Department of State cooperates with Veterans Administration in the administration of certain benefits available to veterans in foreign areas.

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Question: Is a disabled veteran in on-the-job training permitted to receive wages and if so, how much can he receive?

Answer: A disabled veteran in on-the-job training may receive wages while training, but if the wages plus his subsistence allowance exceeds the journeyman rate for a trained worker in that occupation, the subsistence allowance will be reduced by VA proportionately. However, other payments that he receives from VA because of his disability will not be affected.

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Procedure for Inductees Under Selective Service

With 22 Recruiting Main Stations in operation for the initial and complete examination of registrants under the second peacetime Selective Service Act, the Sixth Army expects to process a daily average of 800 men, beginning during October, it was announced recently by General Mark W. Clark, Commander of the Sixth Army. These men will be drawn from the States of Utah, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and California.

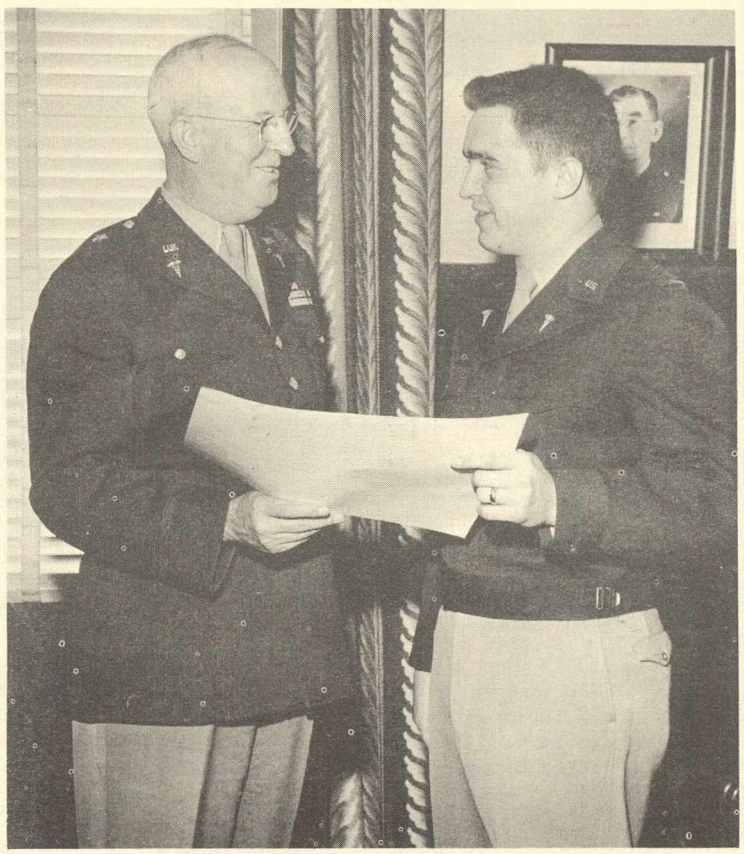
Due to the heavy migration since 1940 of population from other States in the Pacific Coast area, it is expected that approximately 12 per cent of the inductees needed to carry out the Army's expansion plans will come from the Sixth Army area.

Inductees who have completed registration and been determined eligible by their local boards will receive notices to report to a Recruiting Main Station, where induction processing will be accomplished.

Although the Army's responsibility does not begin until the selectee is actually sworn in, General Clark has charged Sixth Army personnel to provide adequate transportation, food, shelter and hospitalization, if necessary, while the registrant is en route to the station and on his journey back to his home community.

Following an orientation lecture given after his arrival at the recruiting station, the inductee will take mental tests designed to reveal his alertness and educational background. Passing these tests ,he will undergo a thorough physical examination to determine his bodily fitness for Army training. If found eligible, he will return home and await call for induction, within a

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MEDICAL INTERNE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE
Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presents certificate to First Lieut. Charles R. Lambert, MC, who just completed a year of interneship at Letterman.

Lieut. Lambert Completes Interneship

In an informal ceremony in his office this week, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Letterman's commanding general, presented First Lieutenant Charles R. Lambert, MC, with the certificate attesting completion of a year of interneship here. General Cole congratulated Lieutenant Lambert and wished him success in his future medical career.

Lieutenant Lambert came to Letterman last October, shortly after receiving his medical degree from the University of Louisville Medical School, in Louisville, Kentucky. He is going back to civilian life, and will return to his home in Ashland, Kentucky, and enter private practice there. Later he will be a resident in general surgery at the University of Louisville.

He and his wife Marilyn and their seven-month-old son, Ricky, left this week for Kentucky.

Patients Invited To Jewish High Holy Day Worship

An invitation to all Letterman patients and to duty personnel stationed here to celebrate the forthcoming Jewish High Holy Days by worshipping with the congregation of their choice has been extended by Rabbi William Z. Dalin on behalf of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Each synagogue—orthodox, conservative and reform—is reserving a limited number of places for men and women in uniform and for hospitalized veterans, and families are planning to entertain them in their homes for a festival meal.

Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of the New Year, will be on 4 and 5 October, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on 13 October. Sukkoth, the Festival of Tabernacles, will be celebrated this year on 18 and 19 October and 24 and 25 October. Tickets of admission for the religious services may be obtained from the National Jewish Welfare Board or from Rabbi Dalin, the Jewish chaplain at Letterman.

A Break-the-Fast buffet supper and social, followed by a dance, will be held 13 October at 7 p. m. in the auditorium of Temple Sherith Israel, California and Webster Streets. A Sukkoth party will be held 24 October at 2 p. m. at the Emanu-El Residence Club, 300 Page Street.

Religious leaves are authorized, but will not be charged as leave, for those of Jewish faith who wish to participate in these High Holy Day observances. Applications for the leave may be made either to the commanding officer or to the post chaplain.

Around-the-Clock Duties of Hospital Service Branch

The formidable task of supplying all military and civilian personnel on duty at Letterman as wardmasters and ward attendants is the function of the Hospital Service Branch. And the word "service" means an around-the-clock service. The branch is open 24 hours a day, and its personnel are on duty every hour of every day.

When a "Superior" rating is earned by the wards on the weekly tour of the Hospital Inspector, the branch is justifiably proud, since the maintenance of order and spotlessness is the personal responsiblity of the wardmaster and his assistants.

Major Edward A. Bartholomew, MSC, the assistant CO of the medical detachment, is also the chief of the Hospital Service Branch. As he points out, more personnel are assigned to duty with Hospital Service Branch than to any other single department of the hospital. He calls them the "unsung heroes of the Medical Department," and gives them high praise for their quiet, behind-the-scenes efficiency.

At present 365 persons are assigned to duty with the branch. Of that number 176 are military personnel; 189 are civilians. Four of the military personnel are members of the WAC detachment—Sergeant Billie Maples, Sergeant Gertrude Churchill, Corporal Rose Casilio and Corporal Henrietta Zuzga. There are approximately 60 women among the civilian employees. The rest of those assigned to the branch are men.

Until last year, due to a shortage of personnel, the detachment personnel were on 12-hour duty, but at present three eight-hour shifts are in effect. This means a 48-hour week for military personnel, but as soon as sufficient personnel are available, an effort will be made to reduce this to a 40-hour week. The shifts worked are from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.; from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m. and from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. Personnel are permitted to rotate on day and night shifts once a month if they wish, but many of them prefer to remain on their assigned shifts permanently

Every two weeks the men stand a one-night emergency roster, for which they are on call from 5 p. m. until 7 a. m. If they are called for duty, they have the following day off until 1 p. m.; if not, they work their regular hours.



Major EDWARD A. BARTHOLOMEW, MSC
Assistant CO, LGH Medical Detachment, and Chief of Hospital Service Branch.

Civilian personnel are given on-the-job training for their work by the nurses on the ward. The military personnel are prepared for their duties by means of special courses given by the Training Branch here at Letterman.

A four-week course is given for ward attendants and a two-week course for wardmasters. The latter is an intensive course of instruction in ward administration and supervision.

The course for ward attendants includes the following subjects. Ward sanitation, bed-making (occupied and unoccupied), personal hygiene, care of neuropsychiatric patients, oxygen therapy, temperature, pulse and respiration, care of linen, pre- and post-operative care, care of the patient in traction, care and comfort of patients, admission and disposition of patients, patients' property and valuables, patients' records, anatomy and physiology, hospital regulations, sterile techniques, serving and feeding bed patients, tray setup and special diets, operation and care of ward diet kitchen, keeping equipment sterile, first aid, preparation of surgical dressings, control of communicable diseases, and physical condition of patients.

Instruction in these subjects is given by duty officers and enlisted personnel of Letterman, and the students are given examinations both during and at the termination of the courses.

The number of personnel assigned to each ward depends upon the number of patients on the ward and the type of care required. On some wards as many as six ward attendants are required; on others as few as two on day duty and one on the other shifts.

Duties of the attendants on Letterman's 43 wards include assisting the nurses in giving medications, changing dressings, cleaning up, setting up oxygen tents, taking temperatures, bed-making and similar tasks. They assist in the diet kitchens, where they set up trays under the supervision of the dietitians and nurses, and serve meals and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments to the patients. They are responsible for ward policing and sanitation procedures.

Major Bartholomew, who knows all about the duties of ward personnel from personal experience, has been chief of the branch since June of this year. During his first tour of duty at Letterman, in 1922, when he was an enlisted man, he performed the duties of wardmaster on ward 20. This was in addition to his duties in the X-ray department.

Born in Port Arthur, Canada, Major Bartholomew grew up in Wisconsin and Montana, and went into the cattle ranching business after he finished school. He came into the Army in 1919, and his first duty station was in Siberia, where his company barracks was a windowless barn. The matter of the windows was attended to by using old V-ray plates, which provided a fine anatomical perspective instead of a view. After a tour of duty at Manila, he returned to the United States and came to Letterman.

After attending a course in X-ray in Washington, D. C., he was sent to Honolulu for duty at Schofield Barracks, spending what he refers to as "seven wonderful years" there. He liked the Islands so well that he hopes to return there some day to make his home. He spent the next four years at Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, and in 1938 went to Walter Reed General Hospital for a three-year tour of duty. This was followed by two years in Iceland, and while he was there he received his commission.

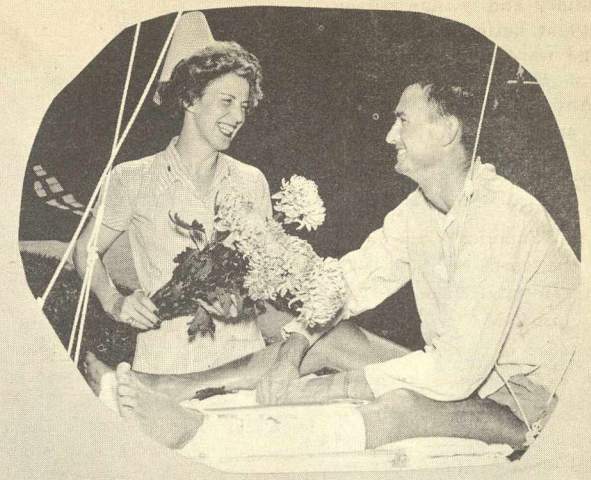
After his return to the States he was again stationed at Walter Reed, for one year, and in 1944 was assigned to duty at the St. Louis Medical Depot, where he was chief of the Medical Technicians Training Branch until he returned to LGH last April.

Major Bartholomew has a nine-year-old son, Edward, who is at present in Florida with his grandmother. The Major calls Edward his "pet hobby." Next year, when he will have completed 30 years of service in the Army, he plans to spend an indefinite time in Florida, and then head for that planned-for home in Honolulu. Meanwhile he will be leaving Letterman in the near future, since he is now on orders to go to Manila.

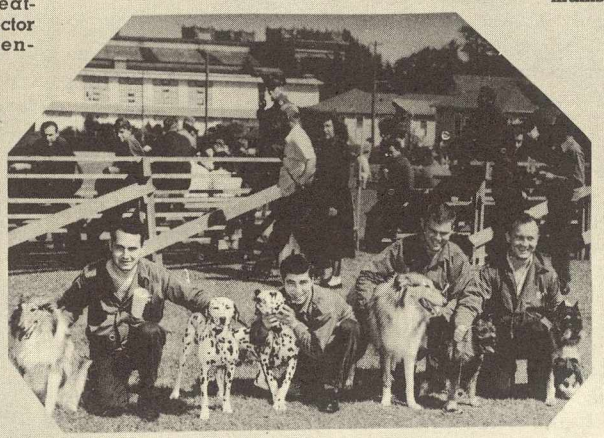
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



WASHINGTON VISITOR
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, chats with Major Beatrice Ringgold, WAC staff director from the office of the Surgeon General.



FLOWERS FROM MRS. TRUMAN
First Lieut. Dorcas Barondes, ANC, gives Pvt. Alvah Payne, patient on ward E-2, some of the chrysanthemums sent to LGH patients last week by Mrs. Harry Truman.



DOG SHOW SPECTATORS
Four enthusiastic spectators at the Dog Show held last Sunday at Letterman. The patients, L to R: Sgt. Everett Fox. Pfc. Peter Martorano, Sgt. John Heinke, Cpl. James McGee.



SHOW TIME AT THE REC HALL
Last week featured Bobby Gram, entertainer from The Blue Note. Extreme right: Don Schwab of Letterman's radio station KLGH.



FAREWELL TO LETTERMAN
Capt. Dorothy L. Looby, ANC, ready to take off for her overseas assignment in Trieste, gets a farewell flower from Chief Nurse Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider.

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EDITORIAL

CASH FOR IDEAS

Last week two civilian employees of Letterman received cash awards for ideas for improving work efficiency which they submitted to the Suggestion Committee. One award was $50, the other was $20. These awards can well serve as a potent reminder to hospital personnel to give a little thought to the matter of making job suggestions.

Any idea that helps to do the work better, faster, safer or cheaper is eligible for consideration for an award. Suggestions may be submitted either by military or civilian personnel. Military personnel are eligible for furlough or promotion awards. Civilian personnel may receive cash awards, ranging from $10 to $250, depending upon the value of the idea. When an idea involves a monetary saving, the award given is five per cent of the saving effected in a one-year period.

Even if a new work method has been in effect for some time, the individual who suggested it may still be eligible for an award, provided the idea is written up and submitted to the Suggestion Committee before the expiration of 60 days.



Colonel **Florence A. Blanchfield,** ANC, retired, former Chief Nurse of the Army Nurse Corps, who is visiting friends in San Francisco, was at Letterman one day this week to see her friends here.

Every time First Lieut. **Edith Ansley,** ANC, has been on emergency night duty on ward 25 recently, the ward has had four or five visits from the stork who operates in this area, but this week said stork only dropped in twice. Additional duties elsewhere, no doubt.

First Lieut. **Gertrude Shaffer** of Physical Therapy has been enjoying a wonderful 30-day leave visiting in Carmel, and last week end a group from PT visited her there. Those who went were Captain **Mildred Carter,** First Lieut. **Ruth Wall,** former Lieut. **Margo Ferrell** and **Sue Burnett.**

Five Letterman nurses were winners at Bingo Tuesday evening at the Letterman Officers' Club. Captain **Eleanor O'Neill,** former Army nurse, won a handsome door prize; Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** chief nurse, won two sterling silver porringers; Lieuts. **Virginia Thomas** and **Jacquie Lane** each won a $10 cash prize, and Miss **Annie O'Leary,** civilian nurse, also won $10.

Congratulations to Captain **Althea Ward,** ANC, on her promotion to that rank this week. Brig. Gen. **Frank L. Cole,** commanding general, presented Captain Ward with her new insignia in an informal ceremony in his office.

Captain **Eleanor Faulk,** ANC, who has been on emergency leave at her home due to illness in her family, is expected back to duty next week.

Major **Anne Pilegard,** ANC, came away from a visit to an antique shop in Sausalito last Sunday with a pressed glass plate which has a picture of the Last Supper on it. Lieut. Col. **Frances Henchey,** who was with her when she got it, has her eye on a Dresden bowl from the same shop, but she hasn't quite made up her mind about it yet.

All the members of the dietitians staff joined in entertaining First Lieut. **Carrie Partridge** Wednesday evening at a gala farewell dinner. Lieut. Partridge is leaving soon for overseas duty in Germany.

WAC

Major **Beatrice Ringgold,** who is the WAC staff director from the Office of The Surgeon General, spent a busy five days at Letterman, and left Monday on the next lap of her journey. While she was here Major Ringgold made a point of contacting every member of the detachment and all WAC officers assigned to Letterman.

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard,** who is on permanent CQ duty at the WAC orderly room, has been doing an extra amount of knitting lately, probably doing her Christmas-knitting-early. And this week she has a becoming new permanent. Corporal **Rose Casilio** was the proficient beauty operator for the permanent. Rose has just enlisted in the Regular Army, and is going home to Pennsylvania on her 30-day re-enlistment leave.

A welcome goes this week to Pfc. **Lorraine R. Fincher,** new member of the detachment, who has transferred to Letterman from Hamilton Field. She is on duty in the Receiving Office.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher,** who has been a patient on ward O-1, was discharged from the hospital this week, and has returned to duty in the orderly room.

The blood bank did a brisk business involving members of the WAC detachment this week, when three of the girls were blood donors on the same day. Sergeant **Gladys Knowles,** Sergeant **Dorothy Guy** and Corporal **Betty Wugan** were the donors.

The sympathy of her friends in the detachment goes to Sergeant **Eleanor Eaton,** who was called home to Minnesota this week because of the death of her brother. Eleanor was just about to begin her third tour of duty at Letterman, having re-enlisted recently in the Regular Army.

Sergeant **Dorothy Coleman,** who is a patient on ward O-1, would welcome visits from her fellow-WACs.

Corporal **Stella Goodman,** who recently enlisted in the Regular Army, returned this week from her 30-day re-enlistment leave, which she spent at her home in Pennsylvania.

Captain **Marian Chapin,** former commanding officer of the WAC detachment here, is here at Letterman as a patient. She arrived this week from Germany, where she has been on overseas duty ever since she left LGH.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 3 October, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

VA Reports on Cure of War-Acquired Malaria

Thousands of veterans who contracted malaria overseas during World War II have been cured, according to a Veterans Administration report. Within the next few years, the problem of relapse from war-acquired malaria will be an insignificant one.

The rate of cures is indicated by VA statistics. During June, 1947, approximately 130,000 veterans were receiving compensation for malaria incurred in service. Nine months later, in March, 1948, this number had dropped to 32,000. It is still declining.

The number of relapses also has declined—from approximately 500,000 cases infected during the war to less than 10,000 at present.

The paralysis eventually "burns itself out" in human bodies in from one to three years, although some cases are known to have remained infected for as long as 20 years.

Use of the drugs chloroquine, pamaquine (plasmochin), and the more recently synthesized 8-amino quinolines, such as pentaquine and isopentaquine, have given splendid results. VA recognizes the necessity for thorough diagnosis of ailing veterans, especially those who served in tropical areas.

Make it a rule of your life to withdraw each day into quiet and contemplation, so that you may put aside the pressing and temporal things, and look upon those which come out of the deep places of human experience. Modern man cannot afford to lose the sense of wonder.—**Virgil M. Hancher.**

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. MARY ZANOBINI
Dry Cleaning Plant

When people learn that Mrs. Mary Zanobini of the Letterman dry cleaning plant has two daughters in high school, they are apt to tell her they don't believe it—she looks too young. "But I have the evidence," she replies. The evidence is Dolores, who is 16, and Jean, 14. Mary says she could easily acquire a whole new vocabulary by listening to them; they know the kind of "teen-age talk" the young people use in Marty Links' popular "Bobby-Sox" cartoons.

Mary was born in San Jose, California. Her family moved to South San Francisco when she was a little girl, and she grew up and went to school there. Gradually she has been getting closer and closer to San Francisco. After living for a number of years in Daly City, she recently moved here. She says it was a very short distance—Daly City is still just across the street.

After she finished school, Mary worked for a time for Planter's Peanuts, sorting peanuts into injured and uninjured. The injured are the broken ones you find in candy bars; the latter go into cellophane bags or cans. After Mary's marriage to Nello Zanobini, she remained at home and concentrated on raising her family.

She came to Letterman and her present work in the dry cleaning plant in 1942. She always has a pleasant smile and a cheerful word for the customers there.

In her free time Mary likes to embroider and crochet, and she enjoys the movies. The Zanobinis have a nice garden of vegetables and flowers, but since gardening is her husband's hobby, Mary doesn't have to do a thing about the garden except admire it.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

When Pvt. **William (Corky) Korkunis,** patient on ward 1, comes in to the Occupational Therapy Shop he never fails to keep the staff posted on what's what at the races. He gives them all the dope—with the exception of how his own betting is going.

Nearly 50 patients turned out for the first day of the Hole-in-One golf tournament held at the Pitch n' Putt course. Although no one actually made a hole in one, the three top prize winners were **Albert Slapnik** of ward 31; **Joseph A. Quinn** of ward 29, and **Francis W. Steko** of ward 29. Quinn got special mention for his try, because he was wearing a cast and could use only one hand to shoot for the cup.

Pvt. **Alvah Payne** of ward E-2 has the reputation among those who drop in to visit him of spending an inordinate amount of time under the covers enjoying continuous slumber time. Or if that isn't the case, patient and bed are both off the ward, while Alvah takes a sunbath outdoors.

Dorothy Cram, patient on ward M-2, is busy these days in Occupational Therapy making a pair of handsome plastic and wood lamps. She is doing most of the work by hand.

When Sergeant **Jack Polk** of ward E-1 went to surgery this week he was his usual cheerful self, saying he was getting accustomed to anything after nearly four years in Army hospitals.

Even though he's a ceiling-gazer at present, being flat on his back, Sergeant **John D. Bays** of ward D-1 is well known on the ward for his patience and good humor. He always has a smile for the passersby, too.

Pfc. **Raymond Howard** of ward E-1, who spends a good deal of time reading the Bible, is suspected by his wardmates of having the intention of leading everyone around him to live a good Christian life.

Many thanks from the Occupational Therapy staff went to Corporal **Vance Bolton** of ward 41 recently when he offered to—and did—pitch in and help tie up a loom. And if that sounds simple, it isn't. It's a matter of 300 to 400 knots.

When Pfc. **Oliver Houts,** patient on ward E-1, goes home for a week end, he says he's always sure of a job. Of course it's a job he can't take money for—he's a baby sitter for his own youngster, while Mrs. Houts has a free evening.

Lieutenant **Harry Lawler** of ward D-2 had a little trouble recently awakening a fellow-patient who kept him awake with his snoring. Several small objects thrown on his bed failed to have the desired effect, but finally a well-aimed newspaper did the trick. Whereupon Lieutenant Lawler went to sleep, but the ex-snorer didn't, being obliged to listen to the melodious (?) snoring of Lawler.

Sergeant **Arlyn Rappe,** patient on ward 3, is busy in the Occupational Therapy Shop making a bookcase, his first attempt at woodworking. He's doing a good job on the construction, and when he has finished that, will stain and polish the case.

Private **George Rocha** of ward E-1 is reading up on the ranching situation in Arizona, and is fast becoming an authority on the subject. He wants to live in Arizona and have a ranch there when the time comes for him to say goodbye to hospital life.

Peter Lorre, sinister star of the silver screen, spent Tuesday afternoon at Letterman visiting patients on the wards. He stopped to chat with every patient on each ward he visited—the K wards and wards D-2 and E-2.

Lieut. Col. **Lynn S. Chaplin,** who until this week was a patient on ward 26, has been discharged from the hospital and is returning to duty with the Air Force. He is going to an overseas station in Germany. Colonel Chaplin used to be in show business before he came into the Army, and he is well known at LGH for his jovial disposition and witty remarks. They say of him that his humor soars to new heights when he has a feminine audience.

Additions to the Hill Billy band now being organized by Sergeant **Guy Shortz** include two patients and two members of the Sixth Army Band, all of whom are currently taking part in the daily 4:15 KLGH program "Talent Roundup." Pfc. **Robert W. Moscherosch** of ward 31 plays the mandolin; Pfc. **James C. Anderson** of ward 30 sings; Pvt. **Eugene Forsyth** of the 441st Army Band plays the violin, and Pvt. **Bernard Resmussen,** also of the 441st, plays guitar and mandolin.

ON THE SPOT



BOB DENNY
Sergeant

When Sergeant Bob Denny came to Letterman as a patient in August he lost no time in getting on the air via Letterman's radio station KLGH. His favorite way of spending time, both on and off duty, is putting on radio broadcasts. His current program on KLGH is the popular "Keyboard Reflections," aired daily Tuesday through Friday from 11 to 11:15 a. m. Bob plays the piano, and several other patients also take part in the broadcast—Pfc. John Van Epps, Sergeant Leon Lichter, Pfc. Ralph LaFontaine and Sergeant Louis Mathis.

Bob was born in Carlisle, Pa., but his home has been in California some time now. He has his BA degree from San Jose State, where he majored in history. Before he entered the Army he was with the Indian Service, teaching at the United Pueblos Agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In November 1940 he enlisted in the Air Force at March Field, and after assignments at several stations in the States, went overseas in January 1944. He was in England for a time, then in Algeria, and spent 21 months with the Allied Commission in Rome, engaged in work concerned with the repatriation of displaced persons. While in Rome he had a radio program on Radio Roma similar to the one he now has on KLGH.

Returning to the States in November 1945, he re-enlisted and was again sent overseas, this time to Wiesbaden, Germany, where he was musical director of WAFS, the Air Force Station. While he was with WAFS many celebrities of screen and radio appeared on his programs.

Bob acquired his musical background when he studied piano in San Francisco under Malen Burnett. Another of his major interests is sports, particularly golf and tennis.

Troop Information And Education

Over two hundred years ago, Alexander Pope made the sage remark that the most fitting subject for man to study was men. This is still true. And the most direct way to study man is through the modern science of phychology. Even in this technological era when the atom bomb and electronics are most spectacular players on the world stage, the Armed Services recognize the pre-eminence of man's role. Directive after directive drives home the warning that the human being is the most important element in the whole complicated picture of national defense. No matter how high the priority that must be attached to materiel in modern wars fought with machines, the highest priority must always be reserved for the men who operate the machines. Moreover, man is harder to understand and control than a machine, and his behavior is more difficult to predict than that of any mechanical device.

For these reasons, the Services have been giving greatly increased attention to the human element in their training of men and officers. West Point, Annapolis, and other military schools are delving into the problems of human nature to an extent unheard of a decade or two ago. The United States Armed Forces Institute at present offers seven courses in psychology, not to mention the dozens of additional courses which may be taken through USAFI from the 59 cooperating Universities.

One of these institutions, the State University of Iowa, offers a course entitled, "Military Psychology." For the military man who is willing to take the time for a thorough grounding in psychological principles, either USAFI course, EM 426, which is a self-study course, or USAFI course, C-563, which is a correspondence course, is recommended. The former is somewhat popularized and for many will be more interesting than the latter. C-563 is more scholarly and gives the student a better foundation in the field of psychology.

Stop in the Troop I & E Office, Bldg. No. 1039 for further information on these courses, and many others.

SHE HAS TRAVELED A GOOD DEAL, AND VIENNA IS HER FAVORITE CITY



Mrs. MARIA KOEBER
On duty in the Pre-Natal Clinic at Letterman.

During the war Mrs. Maria Koeber worked for the Army, and found she liked it so well that when she came back to San Francisco to live last year after being overseas with her husband in Vienna, she took only temporary jobs while she brushed up on her shorthand, "so I could apply again for a job with the Army." When she did apply, it was here at Letterman, and she is now working in the Pre-Natal Clinic.

Maria was born in El Paso, Texas, but her family was there so briefly that she does not regard herself as a Texan. She grew up and went to school in Mexico, Cuba and San Francisco. She finished high school here, and attended secretarial school and State Teachers College. After her marriage to Kenneth Koeber, who is in the Air Force, she worked for Fourth Air Force here, and later had a secretarial position at Fort Lewis, Washington, when her husband was stationed there. She went with him to the various posts to which he was assigned, and lived in Los Angeles, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and at posts in Oklahoma and Texas.

Her daughter Karen, who is now five years old, was born in Mineral Wells, Texas. When Maria's husband went overseas, she and Karen came back to San Francisco, and Maria solved the problem of working and at the same time being with her daughter by becoming a nursery school teacher at the school where Karen was one of the pupils. After a year of this, the war ended and Maria took the baby and went to Vienna.

Of Vienna she says, "I did all my living in the year and a half I was there." She has studied piano, and enjoys classical music, so she took particular pleasure in the opportunity she had while in Vienna to attend the opera, concerts and ballet.

She returned to the United States in 1947. Karen is now a pupil at a private school here and already, at only five years of age, is able to read and write a little. Naturally her mother is very proud of this. Maria speaks Spanish as well as English, so her dr daughter has the opportunity to bec become bi-lingual.

What with her er work during the day, and the care are of her daughter, Maria says she ha has little time for outside amusementtents, but she enjoys knitting and, of co course, playing the piano. She is lookinking forward to her husband's return fn from overseas in the near future.

CIVIL C CIRCLES

Frances Parry irry of the Laundry spent a recent nt Sunday afternoon listening to the bae band concert at the Presidio. She say says she had an enjoyable time and and saw many Lettermanites at the scee scene.

Charlotte Garrearrett, Tumor Board, is wearing a sparsparkling diamond on her engagement ent finger. The lucky man is Clinton Lon Logas, former patient at LGH, nd, now a student at Stanford Universitersity.

Thelma Hopper, per, Laundry, and her husband, Sgt. F.. F. M. Hopper are traveling by car toar to Tennessee where they will spend a id a month's vacation.

Leonne Brennannnan of the Dental Clinic hopes she whe won't be needing a vacation to recupeicuperate from the 27 day vacation she whe will start on next week because her her itinerary will include stops in Salt Salt Lake City, Denver, Scotfield, Illin Illinois, Chicago and New Orleans. From From New Orleans she will go on to San San Antonio to visit with Captain and and Mrs. Raymond Blohme (former Ler Lettermanites) and now at Brooke Gee General Hospital. Mrs. Blohme is t is the former Betty Bull, who worked ked in the Laboratory Service. Leonne we will also visit in Juarez, Mexico for for one day and will then return home me via Los Angeles.

We extend a wel welcome to Lief Roberg who joined ned the Laboratory Service as a medicedical technician.

Among those who who resigned recently are Verla McCartCarthy, Surgical Service; Stella Wilsorilson, Adjutant's office; Lilbian Luck,uck, Ward N-2, and Ada Stapleford, C, Out Patient Service.

Hazel McElhattenatten of the Main PX has a reason for wr wearing those dark glasses indoors thi this week, and it's a sad on. She and hnd her husband were bound for a gala ala anniversary dinner to celebrate their eir thirtieth wedding anniversary last st week, when another car collided led with theirs. Result: Injuries to bo both Hazel and her husband, and no do dinner at all. Fortunately the injunjuries weren't too serious, and the he McElhattens are planning to celebrlebrate in the very near future.

MEDICAL DETACH

The "battle of the green mold" in the LGH swimming pool, which was so capably waged by the team of Pfc. **Mike O'Toole** and a GI brush, has now been taken up by Pfc. **Charles Gibson.** Says Chuck: "I hope I can control the stuff as well as Mike did, but I'm not as handy with a brush as he is." Such modesty is worthy of note.

Pfc. **James Faucett** was frequently heard in the past to complain that he never had enough time to sleep. Now, with his new job as life-guard at the pool, he has more than enough. He goes to work later, and he has afternoons off. But some people are seldom satisfied. It seems the new hours do interfere a little with his night life.

Pfc. **Bradford K. Libby** and Pfc. **William Gambee** found themselves in a rather embarrassing situation the other evening when they were playing race-horse pinochle. They were winning almost every hand, due to a well worked out set of signals they were using. The embarrassment came when they got their signals crossed and gave the whole thing away. Just a friendly game, of course.

They call it the wonder of wonders that one morning last week Pfc. **Jim Mayes** and Pfc. **William Hooker** removed themselves from their beds **before** 0700 hours. They don't get all the credit, though. A persistent Charge of Quarters had something to do with that early-rising hour.

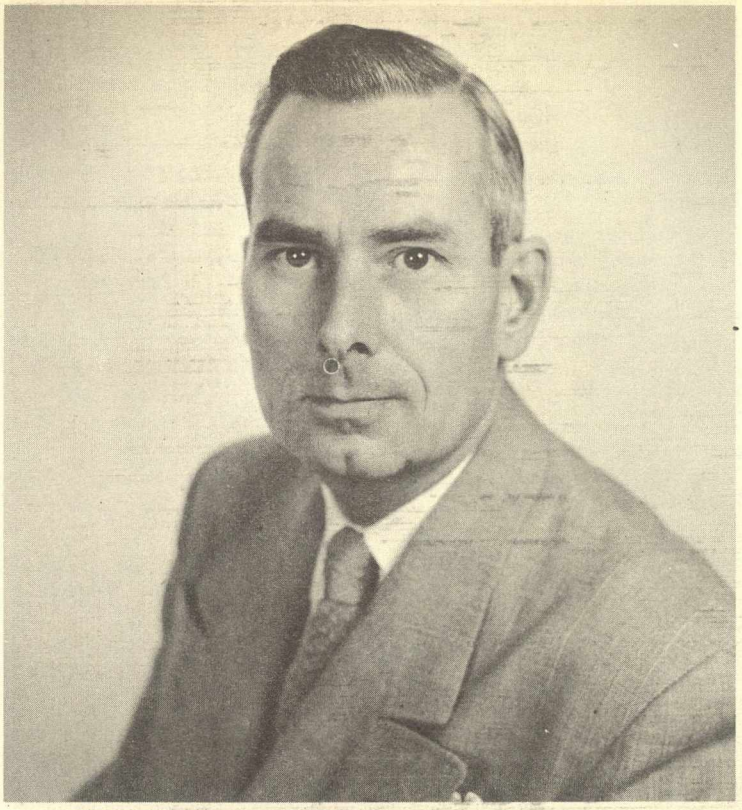
Corporal **Carl R. Craig**, who used to put in a lot of time thinking up reasons for not going to work at the bowling alley, has no trouble of that kind any longer. He now works the 1500 to 2300 shift in the Operating Room.

Sergeant **William Bentz** has been having a difficult time keeping his car out of the shop and on the street lately. Just after he got it back with two new rods in the engine, he had an accident in which his radiator was smashed, and it was back to the shop for the car. He is now brooding about trading the car for a bicycle so that when things go wrong he can take care of them himself.

"Pa, what's a necessary evil?"

"That, son, is an evil we like so much we don't care to abolish it."

POST EXCHANGE SUPERVISOR WORKS FOR GOOD EMPLOYEE RELATIONS



EARL J. SMITH
Supervisor of Letterman and Fort Mason Post Exchanges.

One of his main concerns, says Earl J. Smith, who is supervisor of the Letterman and Fort Mason Post Exchanges, is maintaining good employee relations—as he puts it, "seeing that the personnel who work in the PX are happy and contented in their jobs." This of course is only one of the many facets of his work, but he considers it of prime importance.

Mr. Smith is a native of Kansas City, Kansas, but he has made his home in California for more than 20 years. He first lived in Los Angeles for nearly two years, then in 1938 came to San Francisco, intending to go on to Oregon. But romance interfered. He met the girl who is now Mrs. Smith, and his northward trek was permanently postponed. The Smiths have a 17-year-old daughter, Sharon, who is a senior at Saint Brigid's High School here in San Francisco.

From 1929 until 1940 Mr. Smith was with the MBJ Coffee Company, in the capacity of assistant office manager. He has been in Post Exchange work since 1940, and was at Fort Scott as general manager of the Post Exchange during the war, at the time when that PX had 52 outlets throughout the Bay Area. During that time charge accounts were in order at PX stores, and Mr. Smith remembers that people used to charge even five-cent cokes before Post Exchange purchases were put on the strictly cash basis now in effect.

In 1946, when the Bay Area Post Exchange organization was consolidated, Mr. Smith moved to his present assignment. This includes supervision of the three Letterman PX outlets—the Main PX, East Hospital and Crissy, and the Fort Mason PX, as well as the Letterman Service Station and Dry Cleaning Plant.

During the war Mr. Smith attended a six-week course in Post Exchange management given at New York University. He was one of four who went from the entire Sixth Army Area. Recently he attended a similar refresher course, of five weeks duration, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

As to hobbies, Mr. Smith reports that he is strictly a family man, and his interests are centered in his home and family.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

There is a $5 reward now being offered by the men of C-45 to anyone who will secretly destroy Pfc. **Ernest Beaudry's** shower slippers. The fellows dislike Ernest's practice of using them for dancing slippers at 2400.

Pfc. **James H. McElreath** seems to have quite a time keeping his nine pairs of shoes under his bed. James is often heard to yell in his sleep, "Chief, give me back my shoes."

Sergeant First Class **Melvin Drasher**, Corporal **Melvin Reece**, Corporal Donald Frost and Private **Dwayne Huffaker** have all been walking around in a daze for the past few days. Could it be that they have a regular rail trip coming up in the near future?

HTU has never seen Private **Jack R. Smith** as happy as he has been since the surprise arrival of his wife early last week.

Illness in the family obliged Master Sergeant **George Washburn** to take a three-day pass so he could help out at home. We hope George will come back looking less worried than when he left.

Corporal **James Souder** began this week to take over the duties of supply clerk, since Sergeant First Class **Harry Parsons** is soon to leave the Army.

Master Sergeant **Sol Allen** is having his troubles in the Transportation Office, trying to get patients back to duty and to other hospitals in the ZI. The gasoline shortage has also caused a space shortage on all trains out of San Francisco. Sergeant Allen likes to tell the one about getting a veteran patient to a VA hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi, by way of Chicago.

Word has been received through the grapevine that the hospital ship "Hope" will arrive around the middle of October. With personnel arriving steadily in the Unit, it should be possible to keep things a little less than hectic.

"Why is it that you're always at the bottom of your class?"

"I don't know, but it makes no difference. They teach the same thing to both ends.

Pvt.: "I heard something this morning that really opened my eyes."

Rct: "So did I. First Call."

Washington Report

The Army's new system of efficiency reports for enlisted personnel from grade six up will be effective soon. First reports will be required in the Food Service field, extending gradually to other career fields.

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Men in basic training now may enroll for USAFI studies. A new directive extends the privilege to all personnel on active duty. The courses previously were not available to basic EMs in training.

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The Air Force is readying a training pay plan for 11,000 officers and 17,000 enlisted men of the USAF Reserve. Public Law 460, enacted last March, authorized such payment.

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The Air Force, on Air Force Day, September 18, boasted an increase in personnel of 89,000 during its first year as a separate Service. The total rose from 311,000 to over 400,000. Approximately 130,000 are stationed overseas.

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Assignment of RA officers to recruiting duty will count as a civilian component tour, the same as ORC, NG, or ROTC duty, under a new directive.

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An Army memorandum recently submitted to the Chairman of the Armed Services Personnel Board, recommends a restudy of per diem rates with a view to seeking an increase in amounts authorized.

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The Army is establishing a machine records file on all Regular and Reserve officers on extended active duty. The file will supplement Form 66 now in use and provide a machine record basis for statistical studies of officer qualifications.

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Under orders of the Secretary of Defense, no person in the Government except the President will have an airplane assigned for exclusive use. The Air Force's 16th Special Air Mission Group will provide authorized air transportation for Governmental agencies and individuals.

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The Air Force will open its technical schools to WAFS shortly for instruction in non-tactical subjects.

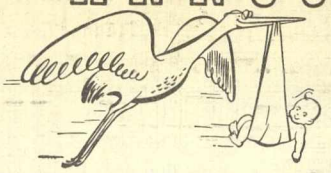
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The new silver-on-blue Air Force chevrons will not be worn at any particular installation until they are available for all personnel of the activity, the Air Force has notified field commanders.

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The Army and Air Force have abandoned the section of officers' efficiency reports requiring indication of how the rated person stands among others of his grade. The small number of officers of a single grade rated by a single officer, made the information valueless.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bert Harland Berry, a girl, **Pamela,** born 10 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James W. Gilcrease, a boy, **John Benjamin,** born 9 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Harry R. Kotouch, a girl, **Karen Marie,** born 9 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Domingo B. Aronce, a boy, **Andrew Joseph,** born 9 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Howard S. Harris, a boy, **Jeffery Rudolf,** born 10 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Victor J. Tuliszewski, a girl, **Anne Marie,** born 10 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Fred L. Kolilis, a girl, **Lyndell May,** born 10 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Michael Lee Ayers, a girl, **Mary Louise,** born 11 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Emilio V. Domingo, a girl, **Bebe Darlene,** born 11 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James E. Barker, a boy, **David Everette,** born 11 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Buford E. Collings, Jr., a boy, **Buford Edward III,** born 12 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert F. Erbe, a girl, **Candace Lynn,** born 12 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Arthur H. Stagg, a girl, **Christine Lynn,** born 12 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Richard G. Reinacker, a girl, **Diana Ruth,** born 12 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Howard E. Farley, a girl, **Linda Lee,** born 12 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Paul H. Linse, a girl, **Konnie Jo,** born 12 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Walter A. Lyman, a boy, **Scott Richard,** born 14 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Marion C. Houze, a boy, **Steven Taylor,** born 14 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Leo Johnson, a girl, **Leatta Von,** born 14 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Bronislaw E. Sitnik, a girl, **Barbara Ann,** born 14 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Guy Thomas Drake, Jr., a boy, **Guy Thomas III,** born 14 September.

To Staff Sereant and Mrs. Roy William Eckhardt, a boy, **Andrew William,** born 14 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Carl Herbert Haggard, a boy, **Robert Ernest,** born 15 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Richard W. Surratt, a boy, **Ronald Stanley,** born 15 September.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph F. Jamison, a boy **Joseph Erick,** born 16 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. James W. Clinger, a boy, **James Walter, Jr.,** born 16 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Oliver Charles Johnson, a boy, **Charles William,** born 16 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Arthur L. Moreland, a boy, **Thomas Walter,** born 16 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Norbert L. Matz, a girl, **Laura Rene,** born 16 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Paul E. Prouty, a girl, **Beverly Sue,** born 16 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Edward P. Weathers, a girl, **Judy Anne,** born 17 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Herman E. Day, a boy, **Charles Edwards,** born 17 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. James D. Stewart, a girl, **Paula Jeanne,** born 17 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Vern Gilbert Reishus, a boy, **Michael Dale,** born 19 September.

To Captain and Mrs. William Horton Whitman, a boy, **Christopher Carlyle,** born 19 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Basil W. Robinson, a girl, **Judith Jean,** born 19 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Jack E. Lyon, a girl, **Karen Louise,** born 20 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Kermit R. Lay, a boy, **Lynn O.,** born 20 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Sherman L. Ogle, a girl, **Judy Frances,** born 20 September.

Answering the Veterans Queries

California World War II veterans have obtained 162,800, or 11.5 per cent of national total, of G-I guaranteed or insured loans, Veterans Administration reports.

Nationally more than 1,400,000 veterans have obtained G-I loans for homes, farms or businesses. Of the total, 1,266,000 bought or built homes.

California G-I home loans total 152,972 with a total valuation of $1,120,000,000. California business loans to veterans total 8,675 and 1,153 have received farm loans.

Veterans Administration reports that John Shober Burrows, Jr., New York City architect, has been awarded a contract to develop basic plans for homes for eligible paralyzed veterans known as paraplegics.

Mr. Burrows is a prominent member of the American Institute eof Architects and a recognized authority on small homes. He has already designed a number of homes for use by paraplegics.

Congress has provided certain paralyzed veterans with federal grants up to $10,000 for the purpose of purchasing or remodeling homes especially designed for wheel chair living.

Eligible are veterans of war or peace who served in the armed forcer since April 21, 1898, who have a permanent, total service-connected disability, due to a spinal cord disease or injury, resulting in paralysis ofth e legs and lower part of the body.

There are approximately 240 paraplegic veterans residing in the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii). Several have already made inquiries about the homes and plans drafted by burrows will be furnished them free of charge by VA.

MORE ABOUT SELECTIVE SERVICE

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minimum of three weeks and a maximum of 120 days.

Called for training, he will undergo a second cursory physical examination, will then be sworn in and processed for training. All inductees from the Sixth Army area will train at Fort Ord, California.

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New Sixth Army Chaplain Assumes Duties at Presidio

Chaplain (Colonel) Patrick J. Ryan, former Deputy Chief of Chaplains, assumed his new duties this week as Sixth Army Chaplain with Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The distinguished clergyman, one of the six most decorated chaplains of World War II, served with General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General, Sixth Army, from the activation of the Fifth Army in Morocco until V-E Day.

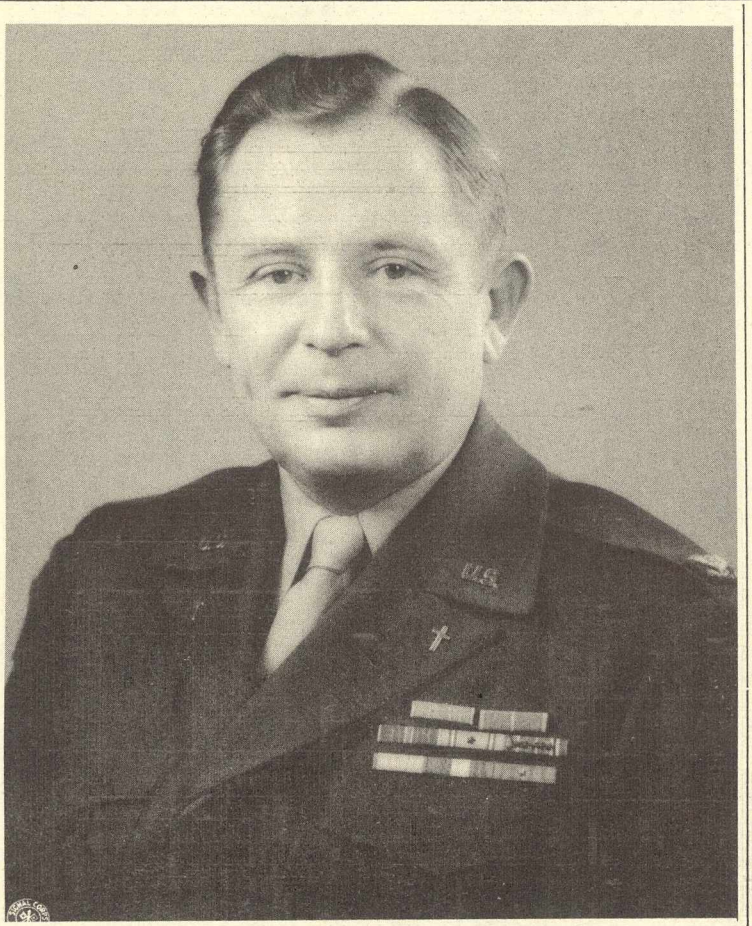
The Army career of the Deputy Chief of Chaplains is a colorful one. Entering the service in 1928 from St. Helena's Parish, Minneapolis, Minnesota, he was assigned for short periods of time to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Training School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. Other Army assignments include two tours of duty, totalling five years, with the 64th Coast Artillery, Fort Shafter, T. H., four years, Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., 3rd Infantry Division Chaplain for over a year, accompanying the Division on its initial invasion of North Africa, Fifth Army Chaplain from February, 1943 until August, 1945, when called to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains as Officer in Charge of the Planning and Training Division. On 1 April 1946 he was named Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

On 29 June 1947, Pope Pius XII elevated Chaplain Ryan to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

The new Sixth Army Chaplain was born in Manannah, Minnesota, 3 December 1902 and received his B.A. degree from St. Thomas College and S.T.B. degree from St. Paul Seminary, both located in St. Paul, Minensota. Ordination took place in 1927.

Chaplain Ryan wears the following decorations: Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Medal of War (Brazil); Order of Crown (Italy); Bronze Medal of Valor with Star (Italy); Army Commendation Ribbon and Order of British Empire which citation reads, in part, as follows:

". . . Owing to the absence of a Chaplain's Branch in the British Increment, Chaplain Ryan has been asked to do far more for British troops than would otherwise have been the case. On all occasions he has responded to full and given maximum assistance to further the spiritual welfare of British troops with all the help and resources of his branch. . ."



PATRICK J. RYAN
Chaplain (Colonel) U. S. Army
Who assumed new duties this week as Sixth Army Chaplain.

Army Information Center Opened At Presidio

General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, this week announced the official opening of a Sixth Army Information Center at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Designed to aid visitors seeking personal or general information about U. S. Army activities, the facilities are located at the corners of Lincoln and Presidio Boulevards, next to the terminal of the "D" car line.

Prior to its opening, General Clark inspected the center and expressed satisfaction with the services it will be able to render to the public.

Visitors seeking to locate Army personnel stationed at the Presidio, Fort Scott or Letterman General Hospital will receive prompt, courteous attention at the new center.

Information about Selective Service will also be available, and parents concerned about possible interruption of their sons' studies after entering military service will be shown how servicemen may obtain education credits under the Army's educational program.

In addition, the building is comfortably furnished to provide a convenient waiting room and meeting place for servicemen and their guests.

Of special interest to sightseers will be a display of pictures showing the development of the Presidio since 1860. A huge colored map showing spots of historical interest on the post will be a feature of this display.

The Information Center will remain open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

"Alert for Emergency" is the Watchword on Ward D-1

Since Ward D-1 is Letterman's emergency ward, there is a constant undercurrent of excitement there, but on the surface everything is as smooth as cream, with everyone going about his duties with calm efficiency. The ward is under the Orthopedic Service. Acute fracture cases are treated there, and patients



DOUGLAS E. RAMSEY
Captain, MC
Chief, Acute Fracture Section

go to D-1 for pre- and post-operative care.

As a rule patients remain on D-1 for from one to two weeks and are then sent to other wards for completion of their treatment. Mostly they go to ward E-2, with the exception of those with hand injuries, who go to ward C-2. Some patients do remain on D-1 for a longer period, but these are the exceptions.

There are 33 beds on the ward, including two each in four private rooms, and the ward is usually crowded, so that it is necessary occasionally to transfer patients to other wards in order to keep a few beds free for new emergencies. The eleven medical officers on the Orthopedic Service rotate on the emergency call roster so that two are on call each 24 hours to take care of those emergencies.

Captain Douglas E. Ramsey, MC, Chief of Acute Fracture Section, has his headquarters on ward D-1, and Captain Roger A. Juel, MC, who is an assistant resident here, has been ward officer for the past several months. This week, because of the rotation system in residency training, Captain Efgar M. Thomason will take over as ward officer while Captain Juel goes to ward E-2.

Captain Ramsey came to Letterman as a resident in January of this year. A native of Dayton, Montana, he has his M.D. from the University of Oregon, and he interned at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. He spent 18 months as a resident at the Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles, and entered the Army in July 1945. He is in the Regular Army, and was a flight surgeon in the Air Force. He served as base surgeon at Albrook Field, in the Canal Zone, and was flight surgeon at Spokane Army Air Base from August 1947 until he came to Letterman.

Captain Juel, the ward officer, was born in Sioux Falls, South Da-



ROGER A. JUEL
Captain, MC
Ward Officer

kota, but his home has been in Chicago for the past 20 years. He has his medical degree from the University of Illinois, and he spent his interneship at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. Since he has been in the Army he has served at Fort Sam Houston, Wakeman General Hospital and Fort Ord. He has been in orthopedic work all during that time. He came to LGH in July of this year.

There are five on the nursing staff of ward D-1, with First Lieut. Hazel I. Snowden as charge nurse. Lieut. Snowden, who has been in the Army for seven years, has been at Letterman for nearly three years. During the war she served in Australia with the 105th General Hospital (Harvard University Unit). near Brisbane, for 26 months. After her return to the States she was at Dibble General Hospital, and shortly after her arrival at LGH she was decorated with the Army Commendation Ribbon for her work at Dibble. Lieutenant Snowden lives in Mill Valley, and says she has traveled back and forth over the Golden Gate Bridge so often she feels she owns one of the cables, at least.

The other four nurses on duty on ward D-1 are First Lieut. Nita Krebs, First Lieut. Cecelia Cutstherope, First Lieut. Opal L. Coffey, and First Lieut, Fern L. Manna. The ward secretary is Luella Canterbury.

A newcomer among the patients on ward D-1 last week, but by no means a newcomer to Letterman, was Sergeant Frank Cornell. Sergeant Cornell, thanks to his activities on the tennis court and in table tennis, is probably one of the best-known patients here. He has been in Army hospitals for the past three years, and last week he underwent the tenth operation on his left hand.

In spite of the fact that he has been unable to use his left hand,



HAZEL I. SNOWDEN
First Lieut., ANC
Charge Nurse

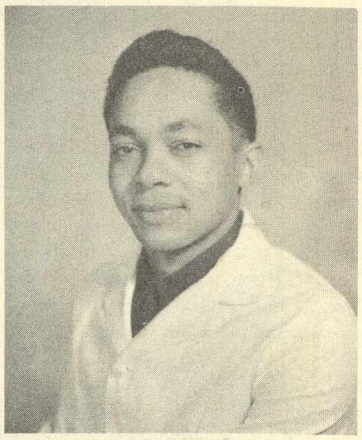
Sergeant Cornell has won numerous honors in both kinds of tennis since he has been a patient. He is table tennis champion of the Bay Area, has won the Sixth Army table tennis championship two years in a row, and this summer went to West Point to represent the Sixth Army on the tennis court. He Has been in the Army since 1941, went overseas with the 37th Dvision, and served at Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Luzon. He was wounded in combat near Manila. As a result of this last operation, he now has hopes of being out of the hospital in a couple of months.

A motorcycle accident put Corporal John Floyd on ward D-1, but it failed to dim his enthusiasm for motorcycling. Corporal Floyd has been in the Army nearly three years, and is stationed at Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, where he is on duty as radio operator and mechanic. When his enlistment is up, he intends to go to vocational school for additional radio training.

This is the first time in an Army hospital for Antonio Alarcon, a veteran patient who was formerly in the Navy, and he keeps telling his wardmates what a wonderful hospital Letterman is, and how much he appreciates the treatment he is getting. He was injured in a diving accident, but is now able to be up and about. During the war he served in the Pacific.

Sergeant William E. Van Meter and Pfc. Pete Ruff, both of Pixley, California, were injured in the same accident, and are now in beds side by side, which gives them plenty of opportunity to talk over what happened. They had been home on a three-day pass, Van Meter from Fairfield-Suisun, and Ruff from Camp Stoneman, and the accident occurred when a car in which they had hitchhiked a ride had a blowout and hit a tree.

Most famous name on the ward

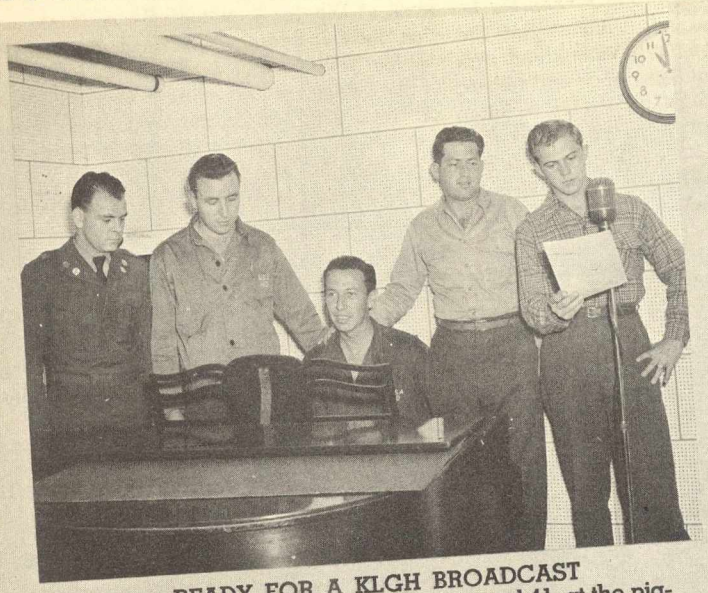


JOHN H. HILL, JR.
Wardmaster

belongs to Herbert Hoover, who retorts to the ribbing he gets by saying that "somebody else made it famous." Herbert is his middle name, and since he's been in the Army he's tried to keep the other one under cover of an initial, so the card on his bed reads "Lester

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



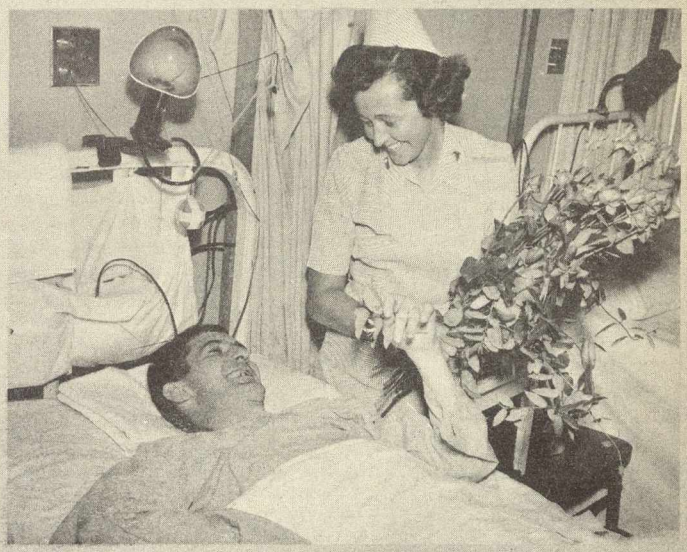
READY FOR A KLGH BROADCAST
With Sergeant Bob Denny, patient on ward 41, at the piano, the patients who make music on the "Keyboard Reflections" program, are about to go on the air. L to R: Pfc. Ralph. LaFontaine, ward 41; Sgt. Louis Mathis, ward 41; Sgt. Denny, Sgt. Leon Lichter, ward C-48; Pfc. John Epps, ward C-48.



COMMENDATION FOR SUGGESTION
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presents Sgt. Rose Ruscak with a commendation for a suggestion she submitted. Rose, who has long been a familiar figure in the Information Office, left for Chicago to return to civilian life this week.



SCENE FROM "CAROUSEL"
The entire cast of the musical "Carousel" came to Letterman last week to entertain the patients in a show given at the Recreation Hall.



ROSES FROM MRS. TRUMAN
Master Sergeant John Bays, patient on ward D-1, was one of the lucky patients who received some of the flowers sent to LGH by Mrs. Harry Truman. First Lieut. Hazel I. Snowden, ANC, presents them to him.

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EDITORIAL

HELP FOR OTHERS

The slogan ofthe Community Chest drive this year is "Give for **All—All** you can." The annual appeal for funds began this week and will continue throughout the month of October. The quota for Letterman has been set at $3,672, and military and civilian personnel are asked to make their contributions through the hospital.

Those who are fortunate enough to go through life without the necessity to appeal to anyone for help sometimes fail to understand the problems of those less fortunate than themselves. They are generous people who would be moved by an individual's appeal made directly to them, but it is all too easy to disregard the needs of those they do not know personally.

But the people who are helped by the 70 agencies whose funds come from the Community Chest need your aid and sympathetic understanding, and though they cannot appeal to you individually, you are asked to imagine their plight and give as generously as you can.

The Red Feather, badge of the contributor to the Community Chest, is the badge of the spirit of generosity. Will you be wearing a Red Feather this month?



Lieut. Col. **Elsie E. Schneider,** ANC, Letterman's Chief Nurse, completed 30 years of Army service on 1 October, and she was the guest of honor at a cocktail party given that day at the Nurses Recreation Hall. Lieut. Col. **Frances C. Henchey** and Major **Josephine Balestra** were the hostesses.

Elfrieda L. Am End, civilian nurse at Letterman, was one of the lucky ones at the bingo game Tuesday evening at the Letterman Officers Club. She won not one, but two hams, and had plenty of bidders for them before the evening was over.

Lieuts. **Jane Racicot** and **Winifred Watson** of the Occupational Therapy staff were lucky enough to find an apartment shortly after they were assigned to duty here, and last week they entertained the rest of the staff at a "house-hotting" party. It is explained that a "house-hotting" is a more lively affair than the usual "house-warming."

First Lieut. **Helen A. Wargo,** ANC, who is leaving shortly for station at the 4th Army Station Hospital in Camp Hood, Texas, is busy with plans for her wedding, which will take place shortly after her arrival in Texas.

Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** Lieut. Col. **Frances Henchey** and Major **Josephine Balestra** were the hostesses Monday at a luncheon at the Sir Francis Drake in honor of Colonel **Florence A. Blanchfield,** former Chief Nurse of the Army Nurse Corps. The other guests at the luncheon were former Letterman nurses who are now retired.

First Lieut. **Elizabeth C. Mahoney,** ANC, is leaving this week for station at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

First Lieut. **Bernadine M. Wagener,** ANC, who recently announced her engagement, received many lovely gifts this week at the shower given in her honor at the Nurses Recreation Hall. The gifts were attached with white satin ribbon to a festive umbrella covered with ruffles and bordered with flowers.

WAC

Captain Charlotte Woodworth, CO of the WAC detachment, is making preparations for a 30-day leave, a part of which she will spend in New York. She will also go to North Carolina with a friend who is now here as her guest—First Lieut. **Doris Keener.** Lieut. Keener was one of the two WACs who acted as escort for Tokyo Rose when she was brought back from Japan recently on the USAT General Hodges. In Captain Woodworth's absence, First Lieut. **Mary C. Cass** will be acting CO of the detachment.

Corporal **Mildred Stech,** who in private life is Mrs. James Horton, is being processed for discharge, and will return to civilian life next week.

Sergeant First Class **Grace K. Davis,** who is being processed for Regular Army, is ready to return to duty after being on patient status, and is awaiting assignment.

Master Sergeant **Nellie P. Johnson** was sworn in to the Regular Army by Captain Woodworth this week, having signed up for a six-year enlistment. She is going to spend her 30-day re-enlistment leave in Wyoming.

Wedding bells rang for Sergeant **Frances L. Black** last week, when she became the bride of Corporal **Harold S. Walker** on 28 September in Reno. During their brief honeymoon the Walkers were lucky enough to find an apartment near the post.

Corporal **Marilouise Damm,** who recently re-enlisted in the Regular Army, has been assigned to duty in the Message Center.

Corporal **Pauline D. Smith** is enjoying a 10-day leave in Los Angeles.

Sergeant **Rose Ruscak,** who was assigned to Information Office during most of the time she was at Letterman, left Monday for Chicago, where she will work for the telephone company. After all her experience with the telephone in the Information Office, the transition to the new job ought to be simple for her.

Sergeant **Jane "Tommy" Jones,** detachment supply sergeant, returned triumphant from a trip to Oakland Army Base last week with 100 pounds of badly-needed rags. She loftily ignores the wisecracks of those who warn her not to issue them as portions of the uniform.

The Chaplaiins' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERRVICES FOR Sunday, 10, Occtober, 1948

IN THE POST CHAIPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sundaay at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotiions—
Tuesday at 19000.

Protestant Servicces—
Sunday morninng worship 1000.

Jewish Services——
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATTION CENTER:
Sunday evening ; Protestant song service at 11800.

Annual Coimmunity Chest Drivee Now Under Way Here

The annual appeal for funds for the Community Chest began at Letterman this week., and will continue all during the month of October. Letterman persomnel are asked to make their contributions to the chest here at the hospital, rather than through other channels. A booth has been erected on the ramp in the main hospital for the convenience of those who wish to contribute.

General Mark Clark, Sixth Army commander, in opening the 1948 drive at San Francisco Army installations, promised that "every effort will be made to meet our quota of $15,800." Letterman's share of that quota is $3,672.

"Last year," said General Clark, "our officers, enlisted men and civilians responded generously and surpassed their quota. This year rising costs have necessitated setting a higher figure as our goal. The need for the vital services performed by Chest agencies is greater than ever."

Under the Chest's federated financing plan a single contribution will benefit 70 organizations. These would otherwise be forced to seek funds for their services through individual campaigns.

The YMCA and some similar organizations are largely dependent upon Chest contributions to enable them to carry out their program of recreation and entertainment and other services for men and women in uniform.

The total campaign goal this year is $3,758,000. Space does not permit listing all the agencies whose funds come from Community Chest contributions.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JANE T. JONES
Sergeant

Sergeant Jane T. Jones, the WAC detachment's new supply sergeant, has been at Letterman only a short time, but already she likes it so well that she says she hopes she spends the next three years here. Re-enlisting in the WAC is becoming something of a habit with her. She first came in in 1944; re-enlisted in 1946 and again in 1948, this last time in the Regular Army.

The "T" in Jane's name stands for Thomas, which accounts for her nickname of "Tommie." She was born in Frankfort, Kentucky. When she finished business college, where she specialized in bookkeeping, Tommie wanted to go into the WAC, but she wasn't old enough. She did work for the Army as a civilian, though, in Dayton, Ohio, where she was a bookkeeper for Signal Corps. Her plans were to be sworn in as a WAC on her twentieth birthday, 4 February, 1944, but it was the 29th before the event took place.

She went to Des Moines for basic training, then spent two years there as a platoon sergeant, training basics. Fort Leaveworth, Kansas, was her next duty station. Her work there was giving AGCT tests. In July 1946 she went back to being a bookkeeper for the Signal Corps, at Fort Riley, Kansas.

A 13-month tour of duty in Japan began in March 1947. She was in the Signal supply office at 8th Army headquarters in Yokohama. She liked Japanese even though it meant living in a Quonset hut, eating biscuits trimmed with seaweed (for the sake of courtesy), and sitting onthe floor for meals when she ate in a Japanese home.

After her discharge she worked for a time for an insurance company here in San Francisco, but she got lonesome for Army life and came back.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Captain **Frank Douglas** of ward A-2 reports that the fourth anniversary of his life in Army hospitals was celebrated very satisfactorily a couple of weeks ago, though the day did have its ups and downs. These were caused by the numerous trips he had to make up and down stairs to answer phone calls on the ward. The calls even included a singing telegram signed (?) General MacArthur. Among the other anniversary offerings of the day were a large number of greeting cards, and a cheesecake (not the kind that is refererd to as cheesecake art, but the edible kind).

Sergeant **Francis Barber** of ward E-1 likes to rib the Letterman ward personnel when he's going home for a weekend, telling them how anxious he is to get some good home-cooked food. But on a recent weekend he had a little too much of it, it seems, and had to recuperate when he came back from a slight case of—let's face it—overeating.

Red-letter day last week for Pfc. **George Dukart,** patient on ward 28, was the day he went to the zoo. He went with a group of camera enthusiasts on a field trip piloted by Corporal **Sally Craig** of Occupational Therapy. It was the first time he had ever visited a zoo, so he broke three appointments in order to go, and had more fun than anyone else on the trip.

"Cricket" is the name the patients on ward M-2 have given to **Margaret Scopolitis.** She is known as an exceptional patient—not only is she cheerful herself, but she also goes around doing things to cheer up the other patients on the ward. On the bulletin board in the ward office are two poems she wrote recently. One is in praise of Major **Robert Hargreaves,** the ward officer, and the other, titled "Angels of Mercy," is in honor of the nurses.

Pvt. **Henry Tosse** of Scranton, Pa., patient on ward 41, was a happy spectator at the Dog Show held recently at Letterman, and became even happier when he turned out to be the lucky winner of the collie pup given away in the drawing. The collie was donated by Mrs. **Ethel Murphy** of Novato, Marin County.

John Schoenburg, veteran who is a patient on ward K-2, is now better known to his fellow patients by his new nickname of "Nature Boy." Whe he's asked why, he says confidentially that he'll talk, but please not to ask him when there's a crowd around.

Chess expert **George Koltanowski,** who gave a Red Cross sponsored lecture and demonstration last week at the Recreation Hall here, defeated all opponents in the 12 games he played, but those who played enjoyed it so much in spite of playing losing games that they were happy to hear that he will be back again on 27 October to play eight tables simultaneously and blindfolded. Those who took part in the games last week were: Colonel **John M. Pesek,** Sixth Army chess champion; Chaplain (First Lieut.) **Daniel P. Shea,** Dr. **L. M. Rose,** Lieut. Col. **Leo Butler,** Pvt. **Alfred McAlister,** ward 30; **Bill White,** ward E-1; Pvt. **Gleve Kelsay,** Capt. **Gerald Moultrie,** ward D-2; Capt. **George Bryan,** ward D-2; Lieut. **John Koss,** ward B-1; Corporal **Hinson Engebretson,** ward C-2, Sergeant First Class **Myron Rose,** medical detachment.

Lieutenants **Roy Gray** and **Joseph Cassidy,** amputee patients on ward A-1, have cause for rejoicing these days. They enjoyed an automobile ride the other day on their first time off the ward in months.

Betty May Jones, patient on ward M-2, had a pleasant surprise on 30 September, her birthday, when her fellow patients gave a party for her. Their gift to her was a lovely new dress.

Collecting old documents is one of the hobbies of Major **John S. Harmstead,** patient on ward A-2. Among those he has here at the hosiptal are an early 18th century will, some indentures recording the first sale of property now in downtown Philadelphia, and a collection letter of 1739. The man who made the will left a curious legacy to his wife—a "hogshead of the best tobacco." The collection letter, by means of which the writer was attempting to get back "12 pounds and some shillings" from a friend, shows that collection methods haven't changed much, as the following excerpt shows: "I am indeed lothe to make trouble for anybody, but if thee do not settle this account with me, thee may **expect** trouble, friend Benjamin."

ON THE SPOT



FRITZ KERN
Sergeant First Class

Sergeant First Class Fritz Kern, who plays cornet in Letterman's 358th Army Band, has served in the armed forces of two countries, and has a total of over 35 years of Army service.

He was born in Salesia, Germany, where he attended school until the time of his induction into the German army. He served in the cavalry corps for ten years, then came to the United States, in November of 1923. Six months after his arrival in this country, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Since he had played the cornet from the time he was 15, he was assigned to duty with the 13th Engineer Band at Fort Humphreys, Virginia, and spent the next three years at that post. His next assignment, with the 69th AGF band school of the 12th Coast Artillery Regiment, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, lasted 19 years.

Early in 1946 he came to the Presidio, and played in the Sixth Army Band, but after a stay of only one year he went overseas, and was assigned to the 61st Army Band in Darmstadt, Germany. While he was there he saw his son, who is a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army, for the first time in five years.

While Sergeant Kern was in Germany he received a commendation for his work in organizing a band with only eight members.

When he returned to the States after his overseas duty, he requested an assignment in California, and in June of this year he came to Letterman and the 358th Band.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Pat McCall, formerly in the Dental Clinic, writes back from Honolulu to tell us that our friend, Chaplain **Albert F. Click,** is a patient at the new Tripler General Hospital recupterating from a gastric upset.

"Golden Slippers" can be **Gwen Scopin's** theme song now that she has finished crocheting a lovely pair of gold bedrooms slippers.

Ilinda Nasey, X-ray, decided to take a day off recently and thereby won herself a Laundromat automatic washer. A representative of a coffee company in San Francisco rang her doorbell that day and told her if she could produce a can of Folger's coffee she would receive a prize. She produced the can of coffee, which she had bought the day before, and won the Laundromat. Now she won't be singing the washday blues.

Marshall Douglas, Photo Lab, is vacationing and part of his time will be spent at Carmel, while **Jeri Farrar** of X-ray returned from two weeks leave spent in San Luis Obispo.

LaNetta Woodward, also of the Payroll Section, handed in her resignation, effective 7 October, and will complete final preparations prior to boarding the ship on October 13 that will take her to Manila where she will join her husband at his station.

Libby Snooks, Cafeteria, has returned from her vacation which took her to Los Angeles where she went on sight-seeing tours and she also visited Eureka. She enjoyed her vacation so much she feels like taking another. **Frances Farrugia,** also of the Cafeteria, left this week on a two weeks vacation that will take her "down South" and across the border into Mexico. Traveling in a brand-new Dodge will make the trip twice as enjoyable.

Five civilian nurses have joined the staff at Letterman. They are **Margaret Kukoda, Flavia Opitz, Claribell Saunders, Esther Wolf, Florence Montz,** and **Ruth Motta.** Other recent additions are **Hyman Zentlin,** Dental Clinic, **Meyer Leibel,** EENT Service, and **Edith Martin,** Medical Service. We extend a hearty welcome to the above mentioned and hope they will enjoy working at Letterman.

Prof.: "What's a vacuum?"

Student: "I have it in my head, but I can't explain it."

MODIFIED TELEVISION—SEE HER HERE, HEAR HER VOICE OVER KLGH



Mrs. JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW CONMY, JR.
First, Conover model; now, Mrs. Conmy.

She is blonde, has blue eyes fringed with extra-long lashes, a friendly vivacious personality — all that, and a dramatic soprano voice besides! She is Mrs. Marie Conmy, currently a patient on ward M-2, who came to Letterman by air three weeks ago from Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii.

For the past two weeks she has been singing over Letterman's radio station KLGH on the program "Keyboard Reflections" which is broadcast from 11 to 11:15 a. m. each morning. This is by no means her first experience on the air—she used to sing over Station WFAS in White Plains, N. Y., when she was in high school and college.

Mrs. Conmy was born in New York City, grew up in Pleasanville, N. Y., and attended Good Counsel College in White Plains. She studied voice with private tutors and at the Juillard School of Music in New York City.

While she was in college she was chosen to represent the school as the "most beautiful student" in a contest for Mademoiselle magazine, and as a result she became a Conover model, posing for fashion photographs. She did this only during the summers, continuing in college during school terms.

As a result of her work at Juillard School of Music she had a chance to tour with a company that was putting on a series of Gilbert & Sullivan operas, but she was engaged to be married to Captain Joseph Conmy, whom she had met while he was at West Point. "When it came to choosing between him and Gilbert & Sullivan," she says, "there just wasn't any question. I decided to be Mrs. Conmy."

She lived at various Army posts before her husband went overseas, went home to Pleasantville while he served in the ETO, then rejoined him on his return. The Conmy home has been in Hawaii since October 1946, where Captain Conmy is an ROTC instructor at the University of Hawaii. They live at Fort Ruger, near Waikiki Beach, right next door to a former Lettermanite, Chaplain (Capt.) Albert F. Click.

The Conmys have two sons, Joseph Bartholomew III, known as "Bart," who is nearly 5, and John David, who will be two in January. Mrs. Conmy is anxious to get back to her family, and hopes it will be in the very near future.



To Sergeant and Mrs. IDonald T. Griffin, a girl, **Linda Ann,,** born 21 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. IRobert E. Davis, a boy, **Melvin Maurice,** born 21 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robin H. Theuer, a boy, **Jerroll David,** born 21 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert W. Webb, a boy, **Wayne Patrick,** born 22 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Corwyn K. Meredith, a girl, **Adelle,** born 22 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William R. Evans, a girl, **Sharon Lee,** born 22 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Lemuel R. Williamson, a boy, Peter **Lemuel,** born 22 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. John A. Krebs, a girl, **Linda Ann,** born 22 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Alexander Gonzales, a boy, **Alexander, Jr.,** born 22 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Francis J. Briscoe, a girl, **Charlotte Suzanne,** born 22 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Robert F. Downey, a boy, **Michael,** born 23 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Earl N. Hutchins, a boy, **Erick Norton,** born 23 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Alvin E. Ousey, a girl, **Carol Dee,** born 23 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Homer Woody, Jr., a boy, **Ronald Nove,** born 24 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. William L. Elliott, a girl, **Anna,** born 24 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Willie L. Bryant, a boy, **Willie Lee, Jr.,** born 24 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Guy W. Hoagland, a girl, **Janet Karen,** born 24 September.

MEDICAL DETACH

Pfc. **James Faucett,** the new lifeguard at the Letterman pool, is again the owner of a four-wheeled vehicle. Last payday Jim became the owner of a 1935 Plymouth. The next day, however, it was gone. Jim had decided to change it for a 1931 Chrysler with a "racing" engine. Two days later he changed the Chrysler for a 1935 LaSalle. This brings the number of cars owned by Jim since his arrival at Letterman to a grand total of seven.

Speaking of cars, the "red racer" belonging to Sergeant First Class Clarence Carrick has suffered a slight disfigurement. Sergeant **Dean G. Hardin,** who was driving, made a slight miscalculation which resulted in a beautiful crease in one of the fenders. Nothing like having your friends re-design your car for you.

The power of a woman is not to be underestimated! Pfc. **Olin Johnson,** who is on duty at the bowling alley, has been trying to learn a few Italian words and phrases so that he can impress his girl with his linguistic ability.

Pfc. **Harold Nichols** of the Troop Information and Education and his fiance spent last Saturday at Russian River. Harold had planned a trip to Los Angeles, but an unexpected duty assignment caused him to change his plans.

Pfc. **Mike O'Toole** and **Pfc. William** (sometimes called Charles) **Gibson** of Physical Reconditioning have joined the group of nightly chocolate drinkers, and now they have a difficult time getting up at the proper time in the morning. That chocolate is such a soothing soporific they now sleep all too well.

Corporal **Harmon Travarro** has been on the receiving end of too many practical jokes lately, he claims. He complains that "everyone is taking advantage of my good nature." People keep telling him he's wanted on the phone, they hide things in his bed, and they've even told him to call extension 3105.

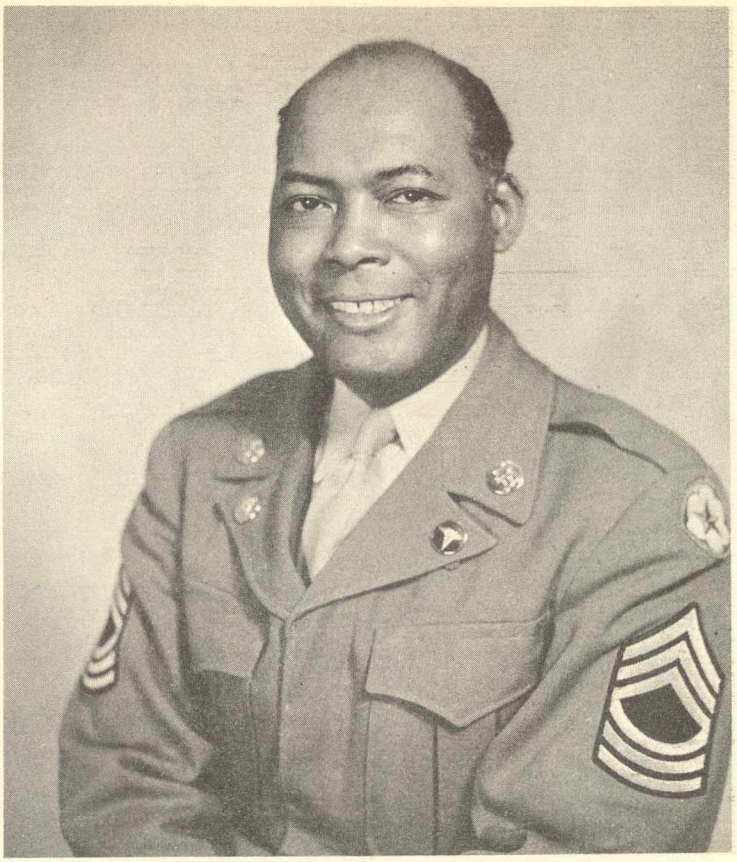
A veteran received an eviction notice from his landlord and replied with a letter that set some kind of a record for brevity. It read:

"Dear Sir:

"I remain,

"Yours very truly."

MASTER SERGEANT ANDERSON IS KNOWN AT LGH AS "AFFABLE ANDY"



Master Sergeant WESLEY H. ANDERSON
In charge of Receiving and Shipping Section, Medical Supply Branch.

Lettermanites who have occasion to deal with the Receiving and Shipping Section of Medical Supply Branch know that they can depend on the NCO in charge, Master Sergeant Wesley H. Anderson, better known as "Andy," to take care of their needs with accuracy and dispatch. He has been on his present assignment ever since he came to LGH in June of 1946 after requesting a transfer here.

Andy is one of 17 children, and was born in Houston, Texas. He considers Tucson, Arizona, his home town, however, since his family moved there when he was a youngster. The spirit of adventure seized him while he was still in high school and he ran away to California, wanting to be a "free lance operator," as he calls it. He worked for a chemical laboratory in Los Angeles for five years, and at the Barbara Worth Hotel in El Centro, before returning to Tucson. There he was in the employ of the El Encanto Apartments, in charge of utilities maintenance, until he came into the Army in May 1942.

After basic training at Camp Haan and nine months desert training in the Mojave Desert, he went to Fort Meade, Md., as cadreman with the newly-activated 514th QM Truck Regiment. He went overseas with the 514th in February 1944, and spent the next seven months in England. Service in France followed, when the regiment was one of those supplying General Patton's troops with ammunition.

After being stationed in Chartres, Soissons and Rheims with the 514th, Sergeant Anderson was with the 3901st QM heavy truck company in Nemurs, Belgium, for six months, during the Battle of the Bulge. He was in Liege (otherwise known as Buzz-Bomb Alley) for another six months, returning to the States shortly after V-J Day. The voyage from Antwerp took 26 days, during which the ship weathered a storm reputed to be the worst in 30 years.

After receiving his discharge, Sergeant Anderson reenlisted immediately, this time in the Medical Department. He spent his 90-day leave with his wife Vivian, visiting relatives in Tucson and in San Francisco. Before coming to Letterman he was at Fort Sam Houston and Dibble General Hospital. Eighteen months after coming into the Army, Andy was a first sergeant, and last March was redesignated master sergeant.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Sergeant First Class **John M. Cook's** protege was actually seen running while at work. Could it be possible that Rct. **Floyd R. Connell** is capable of running?

The men in HTU are wondering who Corporal **John E. David's** lost love is. Corporal **William Jordan** claims that John sits on the side of his bed, singing in his sleep, "You Can't Be True, Dear."

Corporal **Thomas S. Butler** returned from a five day delay which he spent in Paris—Paris, Tennessee, that is.

Sergeant First Class **Harry Parsons** is anxiously awaiting the day when will get that certain piece of paper in his hand—his discharge. Even now he goes around absentmindedly holding out his hand, getting poised to clutch the paper when the time comes.

Corporal **Reginald D. Johnson** will be leaving shortly on a regular rail trip to Chicago.

Train personnel were all happy to see Lieut. **Paul Linner** back again from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He came out as train commander with patients for Percy Jones, Fitzsimons and Letterman.

The hosiptal ship "Hope" arrived Wednesday with 300 patients. Sergeant First Class **John Cook** is having his headaches with ward personnel. They are all overworked, but somehow they seem able to do a good job day after day.

Sergeant **James Oisten** returned this week from Michigan, where he spent a 20-day leave.

Corporal **Donald Chah** has everything, now that a shepherd dog has adopted him. "Scout" is a nice dog and is fast becoming the pet of everyone in the detachment.

Golf Pro: 'My advice to you is to go through the motions of driving without hitting the ball."

Duffer: "That's just my trouble."

More About "Alert for Emergency"

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H. Hoover," but somehow people usually learn what the "H" signifies. Hoover, who is a veteran, was stationed at Fort Lewis during the war, and received his discharge in 1943. He has been a patient at Letterman since March.

Corporal Alfred L. Jackson bemoans the fact that his first sight of California is from a hospital bed, with a white wall for a view, but he says he can and does still look forward to the time when he'll really get out and see the sights. He and Pfc. James Eli were en route to Camp Stoneman to go to Alaska when a truck hit the back of Eli's car, and the next stop was Letterman. Their last station was New Orleans Army Air Base. Jackson says he wishes he had his cocker spaniel, Spike, here to keep him company while he's a patient.

Master Sergeant John D. Hays of Ravenna, Nebraska, has been a patient at Letterman since May. He has been in the Army for seven years, and was a pilot during the war. In training in the States, he had reached the B-29 phase, and just as he was about to be sent overseas, the war ended. He was injured while he was stationed in Japan, and came to LGH after hospitalization at the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo. Unable to sit up, he can't pass the time by reading, but he says he gets a lot of pleasure from his bedside radio receiver, and has even developed an interest in soap operas. He says that being unmarried, he's "still happy."

The last time we had news of Master Sergeant Walter A. Haneberg he was going home to Oakland after more than two years in Army hospitals. An 8-inch defect in his right femur, the result of a wound received in combat in Germany, had been bridged successfully with three bone grafts. But shortly after his discharge from the hospital, his leg broke again, and he had to come back to LGH last month. Another operation has been performed, and Sergeant Haneberg is cheerfully settling down to reading everything he can get his hands on. The other day he was dividing his time between a "Life of Baudelaire" and the current issue of Time.

Included in the ward personnel of D-1 are the wardmaster and eight ward attendants. John H. Hill, Jr., who has been wardmaster on D-1 for over a year, is a veteran of World War II. He served in the South Pacific and in Army hospitals in the States as a surgical technician. The ward attendants are: Fred Jones, Norman Neville, Wally Nelson, Bertrand Eubanks, Mickey Ryan, Milton Funchess, Armstead Watkins and Kennie Street.

PALM TREES AND SAND

Armed Forces Talk Explains Status of US in Far Pacific

(AFPS)—The Far Pacific has long been a pet topic of barracks chatter among men of all the Armed Forces. All sorts of opinions come up in such confabs—both pro and con. Quite a number of servicemen want to spend a tour of duty in that area. Others are not quite so eager. But everyone has something to say.

Pressing the men who want Pacific duty, a questioner will get a number of reasons. Some like the climate; some are impressed by the tales they have heard from returning vets; and, of course, there are a certain number who have read a little too much Robert Louis Stevenson or Herman Melville, and still think only in terms of blue lagoons, hula dancers, and palm trees.

Armed Forces Talk 244 tells the whys and wherefores of U.S. interest in these far-flung outposts and contains a lot of information that should interest every serviceman.

The Pacific Ocean covers a good deal of territory. The largest body of water in the world, it is twice the size of the Atlantic and covers one-third of the earth's surface. It is liberally sprinkled with islands, ranging from tiny uninhabited coral reefs to large mountainous islands with dense populations. These islands are important as sources of raw materials, as links in the world transportation and communication facilities, and—as proved in World War II—as bases and stepping stones in military operations.

Hawaii First Island

American interest in these islands of the Far Pacific dates back to 1849, when we entered into our first agreement—a "coaling rights" pact with Hawaii. Then in 1867 we purchased Alaska and the Aleutian chain from Russia. In 1898 we annexed the Hawaiian Islands at the request of its people. In 1899, at the end of the Spanish-American War, we undertook responsibility for the Philippines and acquired Wake and Guam.

In addition, at the outbreak of World War II, we had acquired control of Johnston, Wake, Midway, Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Kingman, Palmyra, and American Samoa. These islands, used for strictly commercial purposes, all fell quickly under the onslaught of the invading Japanese.

Then followed the dramatic retaking by our own combined Army, Navy, Marine and Air forces. Military bases were built on these islands for the attack on the shrinking Japanese domain.

At the end of World War II, we again had possession of our old islands. On July 4th, 1946, the Philippines left the group of our Pacific possessions for independent statehood. However, several other islands and island groups have been given over to the United States, for the most part in the form of United Nation trusteeships. We now have the responsibility for the Marianas (Saipan, Tinian), the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Bonins and Volcanoes (The final disposition of Iwo Jima in this group is to be settled in the peace treaty with Japan, as is that of the Ryukus), and Canton and Enderbury, which we hold jointly with the British.

U.N. Trusteeships

Under the United Nations trusteeship, we are pledged to take care of and educate the peoples of these territories, utilize their resources toward peace, and prepare them for independence. We are entitled to establish naval, military and air bases and to erect fortifications in the trust territories; station and employ armed forces there; and make use of volunteer forces, facilities, and assistance from them. One other important provision permits us to declare an area "closed" for security reasons.

The future course of action with regard to the military use of these Far Pacific islands depends largely on the terms of the final peace treaty with Japan, and the state of the world at the time. At present, Guam, Saipan, and Tinian, along with Hawaii, are the paramount bases in the plan for defense. Tinian has the largest airfield in the world. In addition, we have agreements with the Philippine Republic for use of facilities there.

As stated in the Armed Forces Talk: "Our future role in the Pacific can scarcely be predicted with accuracy, but we know that our mission is one of peace, stability, and progress."

Answering the Veterans Queries

Thousands of California employers in the past year have found that they can obtain skilled and highly trained employes by hiring disabled veterans, according to Robert P. Shields, San Francisco regional manager of the Veterans Administration.

In the past year the California State Employment Service has placed nearly 8,000 physically handicapepd workers in jobs. Employers have found that it is the ability of the handicapped worker that counts, not his disability.

When an employer, large or small, hires a disabled veteran who has been trained under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act administered by the VA, the employer is assured of getting a reliable, competent worker, Shields said.

Disabled veterans are trained for jobs in which their disabilities are not a handicap. They are able to compete with able-bodied workers on an equal basis, Shields pointed out.

A very complete national survey of 109 industrial plants, Shields said, revealed that handicapped workers are just as efficient, stable, reliable, careful and versatile as the able-bodied group.

Question: What does VA supply the disabled veteran if he is enrolled in school, or if he is enrolled in on-the-job training?

Answer: For each disabled veteran in school, VA will furnish tuition, fees, books and equipment, provided they are required by other students taking the same course. On-the-job trainees will receive tools and equipment for their job-trainng, also provided they are required of all other trainees taking the same course.

Commendations

Six Lettermen mess employees received letters of commendation this week from Major Thomas R. Jones, MSC, hospital mess administrator, for perfect attendance.

Those who received the letters were: Bernardo Rivera, cook in the nurses' mess; Atenedoro Macakalig, cook, nurses' mess; Anthony Willis, mess attendant; King D. Surry, mess attendant; Jerry Kanakis, cook, nurses' mess; Warren Day, mess attendant.

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Captain Lassetter Leaves Letterman For Fitzsimons

After completing three years of duty at Letterman, Captain Margaret N. Lassetter MSC, left this week for her new station, Fitzsimons General Hospital, in Denver, Colorado. Fitzsimons is really home to Captain Lassetter. She spent a number of years there, living on the post with her uncle and his family, and later worked at Fitzsimons as a civilian, but this will be her first tour of duty there since she has been in uniform.

Captain Lassetter, whose friends call her "Lass," was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, and lived there until she was 14. Then she went to make her home with her uncle at Fitzsimons. She attended Denver High School, and later took a course in business administration. She worked as an accountant for a Denver firm until 1936, then became a civilian employee of the government, and was in the office of the CO at Fitzsimons for the next three years. She also worked for the Army at Camp Forrest, in Tullahoma, Tennessee, doing personnel work.

In November 1942 she joined the WAC, and after basic training at Des Moines was stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois. There she was chief clerk in the camp surgeon's office. Four months later she went back to Des Moines to OCS, and after receiving her commission on 31 July 1943, she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she was company officer of a staging battalion. The following April she went overseas. She served in Sydney, Australia; Port Moresby, New Guinea, Hollandia and Manila before returning to the States in November 1945.

. After a 45-day leave which she spent at her home in Tennessee, Captain Lassetter came to Letterman. She has had a variety of assignments during her tour of duty here, including chief of civilian personnel, assistant CO of the Detachment of Patients, and officer in charge of supply and property for the Mess Administrator.

Sports are Captain Lassetter's favorite pastimes, with emphasis on golf. She enjoys skiing, basketball, fishing and hunting. "I'll be getting back to Denver in time for the opening of the deer season, and can get some really good-sized deer," she says. When the time comes for her to return to civilian life, Captain Lassetter intends to go in for cattle-raising in Colorado.



Captain MARGARET N. LASSETTER, MSC
She is going back to her old home, Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Repeat Performance On Warehouse Fire Draws Small Crowd

Some two weeks ago when the Post Exchange warehouse went up in flames the patients and duty personnel were treated to what one local commentator termed "The best show ever put on by Special Services."

The fire was discovered by the sentry on post shortly before eight o'clock in the evening and had already made great headway when the first of the Presidio fire companies arrived at the scene. A call for the assistance of the San Francisco Fire Department was despatched and ultimately four alarms were sounded for the city fire department before the flames were brought under control.

The relative proximity of the warehouse across the road from one of our ward buildings prompted the unusual assembly of fire fighting apparatus for what was presumed to be a small fire. The four alarms were justified when the blaze really got going and the adequate force confined the conflagration to the main warehouse.

The loss in merchandise was estimated at $300,000.00 and the value of the building at $50,000.00. It was a total loss.

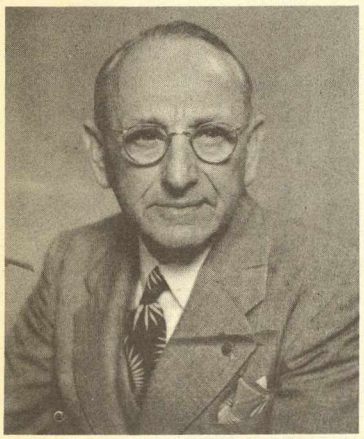
The Post Engineer and the Fire Chief reached the conclusion that it would be more economical to let the flames finish the job before the work of clearing the site was started. So on Tuesday of this week the torch was set to the ruins and a controlled fire completed the holocaust.

The repeat performance was attended by groups of the patients and the military personnel who could get away from their duties but it lacked some of the drama of the first show.

There will be no "Fire Sale" at the PX; there was nothing salvaged to sell.

Postoffice Personnel Put Accuracy and Service First

Whether you're buying stamps or insuring a package at Letterman's U. S. Postoffice, or getting a delivery of mail from the LGH Postal Unit, you can be sure of speedy and cheerful service from the personnel on duty. In line with the time-honored traditions of the postal service, accuracy and service come



ROBERT GRELLMAN
Supervisor
LGH Postoffice

first, and are particularly stressed in the everyday handling of the mail.

Generally speaking, the U. S. postoffice handles all the outgoing mail, and the Postal Unit, also known as the Locator Section, handles the majority of the incoming mail. All finances are taken care of by the U. S. postoffice. This includes sales of stamps, postal money orders and postal notes. On incoming mail, the U. S. postoffice takes care of registered mail, insured and C.O.D. packages. The balance of the incoming mail is turned over to the Locator Section for delivery to patients and duty personnel.

The Letterman Station Postoffice is a branch of the San Francisco postoffice, while the Letterman Postal Unit is a branch of the U. S. Army. The former is administered under the executive power of the Honorable John F. Fixa, Postmaster of San Francisco, through the office of the general superintendent of Mails, Melvin A. Ostrom, Rincon Annex postoffice. The station here is under the direct supervision of Robert Grellman, who has been at Letterman since last April.

The Postal Unit is under the jurisdiction of the commanding general of the hospital, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, through the Postal Officer, Captain Cheslar Urbanick, assistant adjutant. It is under the direct supervision of Sergeant First Class Paul Q. Bird.

Two civil service postoffice employees assist Mr. Grellman in the work of the Letterman station, and three military personnel and two civilians are supervised by Sergeant Bird. There is close cooperation between the two offices, and the interlocking functions of each are performed with a maximum of efficiency.

Business hours of the postoffice are from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, and 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday. There are six dispatches of outgoing



LUCAS MADAMBA
Postal Clerk

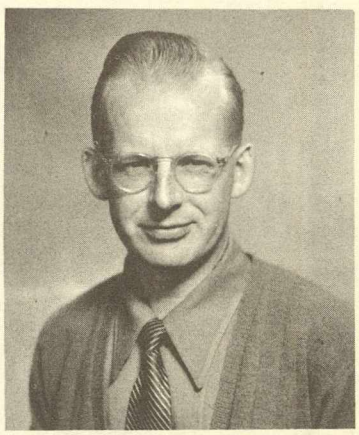
mail daily from the station, and an extra pickup at 8:30 p. m. from the letterbox on the main porch outside the Information Office. There are three pick-ups of mail on Saturday and one on Sunday. There are five incoming deliveries of mail daily. After noon on Saturday outgoing mail should be put in the letterbox rather than in the station chute in order to insure that it will go out before Monday morning.

The postoffice does a brisk business in the sale of stamps to collectors, and Mr. Grellman has placed a special bulletin board near the postoffice, where announcements of interest to philatelists are posted.

Last June the station moved into new and more spacious quarters, and the postoffice personnel are still expressing their appreciation of the additional working space which makes it much easier to carry on their duties.

Robert Grellman, the supervisor of the station, has been in the postal service for over 35 years. He is a native San Franciscan, and his memories of San Francisco go back to the time when he used to shoot squirrels and go swimming near what is now Crissy Annex. When he was only 14 he went into the postal service as a Special Delivery carrier. With the exception of a short time after the San Francisco fire when he worked for Standard Oil Company, and a year and a half in the Army during World War I, he has been in the postal service ever since.

His first job as a postal clerk, when he was 18, paid $50 a month, and for several years he worked on the midnight shift at the Main Postoffice at Seventh and Mission. During World War I he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, and worked in the postoffice there. He was a first sergeant at the time of his discharge. He returned to the San Francisco postoffice, and during his subsequent years of service had several interesting special assignments, including a year at Trea-



GEORGE A. PERRY
Postal Clerk

sure Island during the Golden Gate Exposition. In 1941 he went to Rincon Annex, and was a foreman there when he was transferred to Letterman this year.

In his spare time Mr. Grellman has been working on a long novel. He and his family spend week ends at their ranch in Los Gatos, and there he gets a chance to indulge in his specialty — cooking barbecue meals.

Lucas Madamba and George A. Perry work with Mr. Grellman in the station postoffice. Mr. Madamba, who came to the States from the Philippines 28 years ago, has been with the postal service for the past 25 years. He came to Letterman from Rincon Annex in July 1946 when the station here was first put under the jurisdiction of the postoffice department.

He has played on the postoffice tennis team for a number of years, and is now in charge of the team. Mr. Madamba has a son and a daughter, and the former is now studying at Columbia University for his Master's degree in business administration and foreign trade.

George Perry, who also came to Letterman from Rincon Annex in July 1946, has been with the postoffice for eleven years. He is a native of Berkeley, but now makes his home in San Francisco. He was in the Army during World War II, from September 1942 until February 1946, and served at various posts in the States and also overseas in New Caledonia and Hawaii.

He plays baseball on the Native Sons' League, is interested in bowling, and is also a philatelist. He keeps the members of the Letterman Stamp Club well informed about the new issues of stamps as they come out.

Sergeant First Class Paul Q. Bird, in charge of the Locator Section, completed 20 years of Army service on 3 September, and is now working on that last decade. He is on his



PAUL Q. BIRD
Sergeant First Class
In charge, Locator Section

third tour of duty at Letterman. The first time he was here for three years, the second for ten, and this time for five years so far. The major part of his time in the Army has been spent on postoffice assignments.

Assisting Sergeant Bird in the work of the office are Corporal Marlyn Rosenbaum, Pfc. Grady E. Cathey, Pvt. Wilbert J. LaPointe, Mrs. Mary A. Forthman and Mrs. Zona Carter.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN'S RANK

Nine Letterman medical officers who were promoted to the rank of captain this week are congratulated by Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general. L to R: General Cole, Captains James D. Amos, Robert L. Christensen, Dunstan D. Gouldthorpe, James D. Green, Frederick G. Harris, Edward F. Gudgel, John W. Mattick, Ralph H. Potter, Gerald H. Whipple.



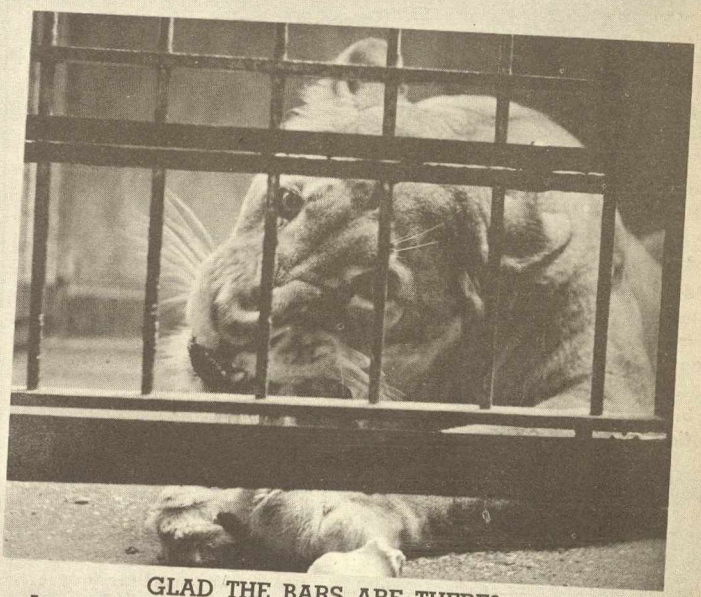
THEY LAUGHED WITH LORRE

Stepping out of the character of his quietly villainous roles, screen star Peter Lorre, who visited Letterman patients last week, gets a laugh from Sgt. George L. King and Cpl. Edward Kroeger, patients on ward D-2.



PLAYING CHESS AGAINST ODDS

Exhibition chess games played last week at the Recreation Hall when chess expert George Koltanowski defeated all opponents without looking at the boards. L to R: Chaplain (First Lieut.) Daniel P. Shea, Dr. L. M. Rose, Lieut. Col. Leo Butler, Col. John M. Pesek, Pvt. Alfred McAlister. In wheelchair, Capt. Gerald Moultrie. Mrs. Mili Hendrix, chess club co-ordinator, is watching the play.



GLAD THE BARS ARE THERE?

Letterman patient Pfc. James J. Frank was glad, when he took this too-Close-up picture of an unhappy lioness at San Francisco Zoo. For the benefit of the camera conscious, the picture was taken with an Argus C-3, 1-10 second, no tripod, indoors.

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EDITORIAL

RULE OF LAW

"The most urgent requirement of our age is the establishment of a world order securely based on the rule of law," Secretary of State George C. Marshall stated in addressing a recent meeting of the Federal Bar Association.

Asserting his belief in the United Nations, Mr. Marshall declared that the spirit of understanding and tolerance, "combined with patience, determination and hard work, and applied through the United Nations, can advance us toward the goal of a peaceful community of nations governed by a system of law respected by all."

He said that the creation of a going concern of "such a multitude of diverse elements" is little short of miraculous, and urged members of the Bar Association to lead the people of the United States to a proper understanding of the U. N. Charter.

In the midst of the demands made by the duties of day-to-day living, it is easy to fail to keep informed on important world issues, but the thinking individual owes it to himself to give a portion of his time so that he can achieve that "proper understanding" of which Mr. Marshall speaks.



Congratulations go this week to Captain **Edith Ansley,** ANC, who recently received her promotion to that rank. As regards promotions, Captain Ansley is strictly on schedule. When she became a first lieutenant her date of rank was 4 October, and on this promotion her date of rank was also 4 October.

First Lieut. **Mary Beck,** WMSC, newest addition to the military staff of Occupational Therapy, was welcomed to Letterman this week. Lieutenant Beck's home is in Davenport, Iowa. She has worked in Army hospitals as a civilian occupational therapist, but this is her first station since she received her commission.

Four members of the Army Nurse Corps staff here will be leaving shortly, and all four are assigned to duty at the same station—Fourth Army Station Hospital, Camp Hood, Texas. They are Captains **Rebecca Amend, Catherine Bjœrklund, Anna Hackett** and **Mary Lohr.**

First Lieut. **Lydia Reizer,** ANC, who is going overseas to Trieste in the near future, will have a delay en route at her home in American Falls, Idaho.

First Lieut. **Doris Ellison,** ANC, left yesterday to spend a ten-day leave in San Bernardino, and First Lieut. **Muriel Taylor,** ANC, leaves Sunday on a 15-day leave which she will spend in Long Beach.

First Lieut. **Beth Campbell,** WMSC, of the dietitians staff, got out of uniform and returned to civilian life this week.

Captain **Margaret E. Tollefson,** ANC, has left Letterman for Yokohama and her new station in the Far East Command.

In the first game of the new season, The Physical Therapy bowling team was victorious over the Occupational Therapy team Tuesday evening, winning two out of three games. The happy winners included Captains **Vida Buehler** and **Mildred Carter,** First Lieuts. **Gertrude Shaffer** and **Betty Hearne,** and Miss **Sue Burnett.**

WAC

No record as to how many of the Letterman WACs were singing "I Love a Parade" this week, but they were getting ready for one, and tomorrow afternoon they will be seen marching down Market Street, smart in ODs with yellow scarves and gloves. The occasion: the big parade for the Portola Festival. The parade begins at 2 p.m., with the line of march from the Ferry Building to the Civic Center. Detachments from the Sixth Army, Camp Stoneman and Letterman will represent the Women's Army Corps.

It seems like old times to have Sergeant Fisrt Class **Eleanor Eaton** back again on her former assignment in the Troop Information and Education office, and she got a vociferous welcome when she appeared for duty this week. Eleanor has always been active on the Letterman sports scene, and already she is in the swing of things as a member of the WAC bowling team.

During a 45-day leave from which she just returned, Sergeant **Gertrude Churchill** and her sister enjoyed a long trip by car. They went as far East as Wisconsin, and their itinerary included stops at Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon.

After more than a year of civilian life, Sergeant **Charlotte Morrison,** formerly stationed at Letterman, has re-enlisted in the Regular Army, this time in the Air Corps. She stopped in this week to see her friends here, but will be leaving shortly for San Jose, where she has been assigned to recruiting duty.

Corporal **Bessie Jeffries** has just returned from an exciting 22-day leave spent in Boston, New York, Connecticut, Washington, D. C. and Indiana. One of the highlights of her stay in Washington was having tea at the White House. Another was the chat she had with Colonel Milligan, her former WAC commandant at Des Moines.

First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** and Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher** and their husbands engaged last weekend in what Margaret calls "Operation Bivouac," when they spent a rugged camping weekend at Russian River.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 17, October, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Promotions

Eleven Medical Corps officers assigned to Letterman received promotions this week to the rank of captain. Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presented the new bars to nine of the officers on Monday in an informal ceremony in his office. The insignia of the new rank were the gifts of the Letterman Officers Club.

Those who received the promotoin are Captains James D. Amos, Robert L. Christensen, Cloyce L. Duncan, Dunstan D. Gouldthorpe, James D. Green, Frederick G. Harris, Edward F. Gudgel, Harry G. R. Knapp, John W. Mattick, Ralph H. Potter, Jr., Gerald H. Whipple.

Donation

A recent contribution from the Livingston Post 1961, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, went up in smoke when the cigarettes purchased with the money were distributed to the patients at this hospital.

Our sick and wounded are grateful to their comrades of Livingstone Post for this remembrance.

I hope the day will never come when the American nation will be the champion of the status quo. Once that happens, we shall have forfeited, and rightly forfeited, the support of the unsatisfied, of those who are the victims of inevitable imperfections, of those who, young in years or spirit, believe that they can make a better world and of those who dream dreams and want to make their dreams come true. **—John Foster Dulles.**

If you would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.—**James Burgh.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



LORRAINE R. FINCHER
Private First Class

Since Pfc. Lorraine Fincher is known to her friends by the nickname of "Finch," and since a finch is a bird, it seems quite in keeping that the thing she likes to do best is fly. She has her pilot's license, and the only thing that tends to keep her on the ground in her free time is that $8 to $10 an hour it costs to rent a plane.

She was born in Boston and grew up there and in Quincy, Mass., and went to school in Portland, Me. After she finished school she worked in a defense plant in Bridgeport, Conn., and was a welder in a shipyard in Portland until she was old enough to join the WAC.

Her first enlistment was in March 1945, and she was sent to Des Moines for basic training and to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for training as a surgical technician. After a month's training at Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., she was assigned to the station at the Air Base in Reno. She spent six months in Reno, and liked it there very much.

Her next assignment was at the station hospital of an ATC base in Stockton, California, where she worked in surgery. She received her discharge in July 1946. Then she took up flying "on a dare," she says, and found she liked it even better than she had expected. After completing the nine-week course, she spent some time in southern California, then got lonesome for Army life, and re-enlisted in January 1947. She was at Hamilton Field for the next year and a half. When she re-enlisted recently in the Regular Army, she transferred to the Ground Forces, and came to Letterman. She is in the Receiving Office here.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Most festive event on ward K-2 last week was the surprise birthday party for Sergeant **John Ruples.** His bed was rolled out into the center of the ward, preparatory, so everyone told him, to moving him to another ward. Then a gurney was rolled up beside him, and the gurney was covered with gifts and a special birthday cake.

Economy is the watchword with Captain **William M. Bauers** of ward 26. He has the ability, so they say, to catch a lot of fish with only one piece of bait. He recently came back from a fishing expedition with a dozen fish, on which he had expended only three shrimps as bait.

Jackie DeMaio, the youngest patient on ward E-1 (he is 14) returned to the ward recently after having been out of the hospital for some time. The patients had a hearty welcome for him, but were sorry that he had another siege in the hospital in store.

Side by side of ward F-2 are two patients, retired Army men, who make the ward lively with their quips. They are **Edward J. Kirwan** and **Lee A. Self.** Kirwan, whose first sight of the Presidio was 50 years ago when he camped here en route to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, says he hasn't a grievance in the world against anyone but himself. Sounds like a good philosophy of life. "And every day when I look at my bandaged leg," he says, "I'm grateful again that I'm not a centipede. Imagine having a bandage on 50 per cent of my legs in that case!" He accuses Self of spending too much time reading his daily influx of mail. And it is an influx—he received 16 letters one day last week, among them several from his wife. "We've been married 28 years," says Self, "and she's still the sweetest girl in the world."

Pfc. **Alfred Jackson,** patient on ward D-1, who is in the hospital as the result of an accident in which a truck hit the back of the car he was in and pushed it into an orchard, says he always liked orchards, but he doesn't care much for climbing trees while he's still inside a car.

On ward N-2, **Edward Collings,** veteran patient, has the reputation of being able to sleep all day as well as all night. His wardmate, **Urban McGinnis,** also a veteran, says that Collings is the chief noisemaker on the ward. "It's not his conversation—he says it with a snore."

Phil Trine, veteran patient on ward K-2, is said to be practising up for big league baseball. It's indoor stuff so far, and to prevent casualties on the ward, he just tosses a ball of wool from bed to bed.

Adus Whitacker, patient on ward E-1, who has been a bed-patient for a long time, is now rejoicing in the fact that he is able to be up and about, even though it is with the aid of a pair of crutches.

Every Tuesday evening at the Recreation Hall, the members of the Letterman Stamp Club gather for their regular meeting at 7 p. m., and those interested in stamp collecting are urged to drop in and join the discussions. There are frequent talks by specialists in philately, a question and answer period, and a gift packet of stamps for each one present.

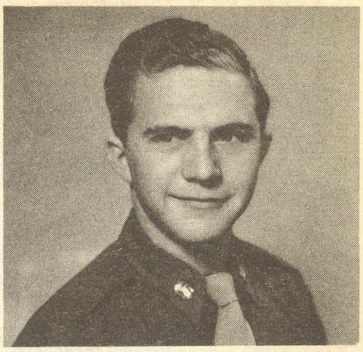
Sergeant **Jack Polk** and veteran **Reed Spackman,** patients on ward E-1, have been working extra hard on their leather purses and wallets lately, even since the day Brigadier General **Frank A. Cole,** the commanding general, stopped by to admire the wallets they were making.

Pvt. **Bert Powers** of ward K-2 gets verbal orchids from his wardmates. They call him the chief morale-builder of K-2.

Now that Lieutenant **Harry Lawler,** patient on ward D-2, has moved his "office" from the ward to the ramp, he and his friend Major **John Harding,** also of ward D-2, spend a good deal of time working on their "S & S" checking system on the feminine passersby. They say this checking system is a great thing for breaking up the monotony, and of course they will be glad to explain the meaning of "S & S" to anyone interested.

More new members are signing up to join the Hill-Billy band all the time, and the most recent recruits are heard on the daily "Patients Talent Round-Up" program over KLGH. Last week three newcomers joined the group: Sergeant **A. W. Lawrence,** ward B-2, who plays guitar and mandolin, sings and acts as master of ceremonies; Master Sergeant **Charles G. Ellicott,** ward 40, who plays organ and piano and sings; veteran **Michael Stern,** ward 30, who plays violin.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN VAN EPPS
Private First Class

Private First Class John Van Epps, now a patient at Letterman on ward C-48, says he is just another old salt turned landlubber, having spent two years in the merchant marine before he joined the Army. Since he has been a patient here he has been acting as master of ceremonies on the "Keyboard Reflections" program broadcast over KLGH.

John was born in Brainard, Minn., and lived there until he was 13, when his family moved to Austin, in the same state. Early in 1944 he joined the merhcant marine and was sent to Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., for his "boot" training. His first assignment was as seaman on a tanker in the North Atlantic, and while he was on the assignment he visited a number of European cities. Among these were Paris, Le Havre, Rouen and Marseilles, in France, as well as several English ports.

He made one trip on a troopship, the "Rushville Victory," when the ship carried the "Famous First" Armored Division from Europe to New York. John also made a few trips to Pacific islands while he was in the merchant marine.

In November 1945 he joined the Army. He was stationed at Army posts in San Antonio, Texas, and Boca Raton and Tampa, Florida. He volunteered for overseas duty in 1947, and was sent to Clark Field in the Philippines, where he was assigned to duty as aerial gunnery instructor. In July of this year he was sent back to the States as a patient, and came to Letterman. He is expecting to be discharged in the near future.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Jeanette Gardiner, Sick and Wounded office, is back at her desk after spending two weeks vacation in Laguna Beach and La Jolla. **Judy Bean** of Military Personnel spent her two weeks vacation at Inverness. **Marion Breach** returned from a week's leave and **Emily Knepp** of the Dental Clinic is looking full of vim and vigor after her long vacation spent in Pennsylvania. Emily visited **Janie Lee,** former Lettermanite in the EENT Clinic, in Pottstown, Penna.

Ted Cox, Orthopedic Section, is enjoying two weeks vacation in Los Angeles and Tiajuana. **Gil Grady,** Military Personnel, is also enjoying a vacation but his whereabouts are a dark secret. **Isabel Cannon,** also of Military Personnel, is on two weeks leave.

Alice Driscoll, EENT Clinic, is wearing a handsome diamond on her engagement finger, and the lucky man is **Richard McNamara,** formerly a patient at Letterman. They will be married in Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco on November 20th and will spend their honeymoon in Carmel.

Vernal Warren, formerly of the EENT Clinic, dropped in recently with the news that she is now the proud mother of a baby boy. She claims she now carries a little brush for his hair instead of pencils for her notebook.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to **June Grumstrup,** Military Personnel, whose brother passed away recently.

Welcome to a newcomer on the Letterman library staff—Mrs. **Jo Ellen Adams** of Washington, D.C.

Helen Lund, Payroll office, is on duty again and it is good to see her and her cheery smile once more. She wishes to thank the many people at Letterman who remembered her with cards and gifts during her illness.

Mr. **Ray Shine** of Civilian Personnel had a surprise on his birthday last week when his co-workers in Civilian Personnel surprised him with a birthday cake and sandwiches during lunchtime.

"Your wife is a striking looking woman."

"Yes, but to tell you the truth, she does more striking than looking."

HER SPECIALTY IS PUTTING PEOPLE TO SLEEP—ANESTHETICALLY SPEAKING



First Lieut. BETTY C. MAHONEY
She enjoyed her year at Letterman.

Since she is from the South, it is eminently suitable that First Lieut. Betty Mahoney, ANC, should be known to her friends as "Bemah-honey," and they didn't have to change her name at all to achieve that combination—just used her initial and last name. Betty, who has been at Letterman for the past year, learned last week that her next station would be Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and she learned it in an unusual way. She got an invitation to join the Officers Club there, and the invitation reached her before her orders arrived here at LGH. She is now enroute to her new station.

She was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and lived there until she was 21. She took her nurse's training at Wheeling Hospital, then took a course in anesthesia. She spent the next six years as an anesthetist at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

In 1944 Betty became an Army nurse, and after induction and basic training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, she went to Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan. She was there for four months, then spent the next four mouths at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, preparing to go overseas with the 309th General Hospital. She went overseas in July 1945, and served in the Marianas and in Japan. She was with the 309th in Fukuoka, Kyushu, with the 13th General Hospital in Osaka, and the 55th Station Hospital in Yokohama.

After her return to the States in August 1947, she spent a month's leave in Steubenville, Ohio, where her mother now makes her home, and was then assigned to duty at Letterman. After a month in Central Service, she was transferred to the operating room as an anesthetist. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and came into the Regular Army last March.

Betty's off-the-job enthusiasms are mostly in the sports field, though she says she "likes to tinker with leather" and make gifts for her friends. She played on the softball team at Letterman. "I played so hard I even broke my ankle," she says. While she was in high school she played professional basketball, and if she had remained at LGH she had planned to join the Letterman basketball team. Last week before she left for Texas, a farewell party was given for her by her co-workers in the operating room.

In The Library

You'll get the low down on the new books and top news on the classics in our twice-monthly column on this page. In this introductory note we want to welcome the new arrivals at the hospital with an invitation to visit the library, browse awhile and check out those books which interest you.

If you have a hobby, we'll tell you what you can find on our library shelves to bring new slants and ideas to your special interests.

Or maybe you're strictly the outdoor type . . . we have a wide selection of books for fishing and hunting fans. That goes for football and baseball, too.

You can sleuth around among our "who-dun-its" and we'll give a guarantee they'll either scare you into an all-night reading session or put you to sleep.

If you have your mind set on adding that extra stripe to your sleeve, some of our technical books may hurry the promotion along. Maybe your interest in radio or engineering is amateur; you'll find books to add a lot to your enthusiasm for these subjects.

How about some arm-chair traveling? It's a comfortable way to see the world! You can check up on some of the places you've been or get some first-hand information on new names and places.

There's all the fiction you can wade through in a month of Sundays, from the best-sellers to the hard-boiled type.

Home-town newspapers, service journals, a rack of the latest magazines . . . they're all here in the library.

Everyone at Letterman has full use of the library; this includes patients, duty personnel and civilian employees. You may come in to browse or to borrow books. We'll help you find what you want, or suggest books of special interest to you. The hours are 10 to 8, Monday through Friday, and 8 to 4:30 Saturdays.

We'll be seeing you!

MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal **Anthony Gacioch** doesn't seem to know his own strength. The other day when he was bowling he threw the ball so hard that he split one of the pins in two. No wonder he is known as one of the mainstays of the Physical Reconditioning bowling team.

After observing the above-mentioned incident, Pfc. **Olin Johnson** remarked sadly that the only thing he ever knocked out with one blow was a goat. It seems that the poor goat was annoying him, so Olin gave it a knockout blow. Of course that happened "way back when" Olin was living on a farm in North Carolina.

Sergeant First Class **Clarence Carrick** and his Red Racer took another trip to Los Angeles last weekend. He left here at 0300 and claims to have arrived in L. A. at 0930 the next morning. He further states that since he bought the car last March he has driven it over 20,000 miles.

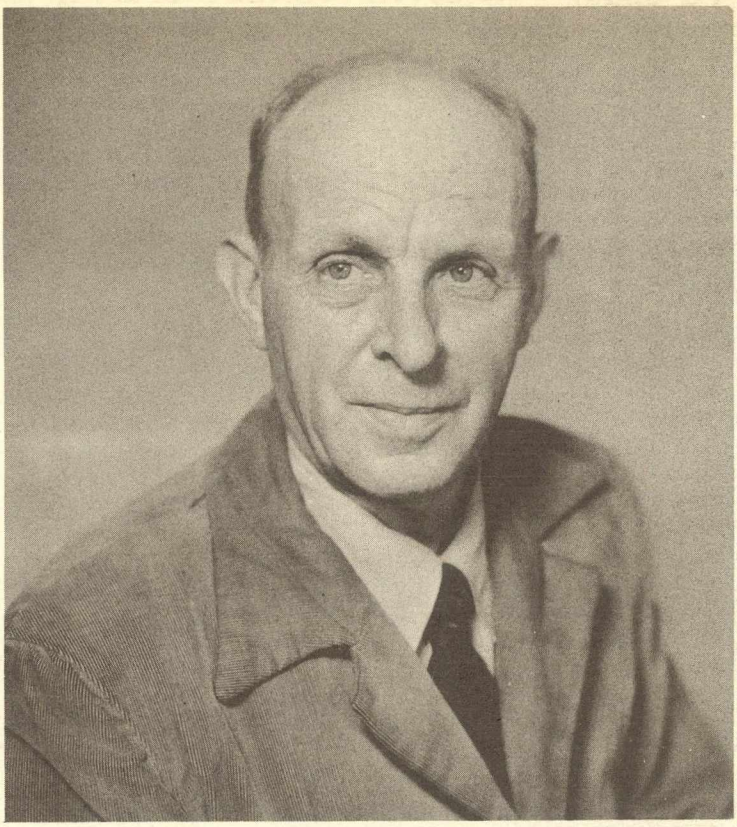
Recruit **Jack Harrow** went to the Feather River Canyon on a hunting trip last weekend with the intention of bringing back a deer. However, though his luck was good, it wasn't quite good enough, and he'll be eating rabbit instead of venison.

Looks like sooner or later everyone gets a chance to fight the "Battle of the Green Mold" at the LGH swimming pool. Pfc. **Abel Windsor** has recently taken over on this job from Pfc. **William Gibson**, who is now on ward duty.

Pfc. **Anthony Matola**, who was formerly on the night shift in the Information Office, is now assigned to the Sergeant Major's office. He's pleased with the change. Says the evening work interfered with his social life, and it will probably take him about three months to make up for lost time.

Corporal **Otis Poindexter** can be seen daily buzzing around the post in what he fondly refers to as his "hot rod" (actually it is a 1932 Ford V-8). Maybe the fact that he is from Los Angeles has something to do with it. He claims that everyone who is anyone in Los Angeles has a "hot rod."

WHEN IT COMES TO HITTING THE NAIL ON THE HEAD—SEE TOM POOL



THOMAS R. POOL
He's been at Letterman for over 12 years.

When there's work to be done at Letterman in the line of carpentry, the man most frequently to be found on the scene is Thomas R. Pool of the Post Engineer's office. He is a familiar figure at Letterman, having come here over twelve years ago, and he has been a member of the carpenter shop crew ever since.

Tom says he was "born pretty young" in Dubuque, Iowa, and went to school in towns in "just about all sections of Michigan." As soon as he got out of school he began to learn carpentry, via on-the-job training, and he has since worked at all branches of the trade. He started out in Michigan, then he and his brother went East and worked in New York City and in New Jersey. They had their own contracting business in New Jersey.

During World War I, Tom served in the Army for a year and a half, and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. After he received his discharge he remained in Washington, and his first job after the war was working on an 80-room addition to Paradise Inn at Mount Rainier National Park. When work was begun in the spring, it was necessary to shovel the snow away before the foundation could be laid. He enjoyed being in the mountains, and while he was there he hiked to the summit of Mt. Rainier on more than one occasion. One winter he was snowed in, and had a little trouble getting back down to the milder climate of Tacoma.

His next stop was Los Angeles, where he lived for a few months before coming to the Bay region. One of his first jobs here was on the Bay Bridge, where he worked until it was ready for steel.

In 1934 he went to work at Fort Mason as a temporary civilian employee, and for the next two years was there and at Fort Scott. He came to LGH in July 1936 when he got his permanent status. At present he is in charge of the preventive maintenance inspection service here.

For the past two years Tom has taken annual leave to go to New Jersey to visit his 82-year-old mother on her birthday. In his spare time he likes hunting and fishing. He has a good collection of pictures he has taken on his travels, and he is a Fog Horn Fan and has bound volumes of all the issues since volume one, number one.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Train left Monday bound for all parts of the United States. The patients numbered around 300, and what is left of the Train Detachment can be counted on your fingers, but they will start returning next week.

Pvt. **James H. McElreath**, the man of many chores around Train Unit headquarters, knew he was the hardest working private in the Army after a very hectic Monday. His day began as 0700 and he finished at midnight—a very tired man.

Sergeant First Class **James L.** Mitchell went with the Hospital Train to San Antonio and from there he will go on to take a veteran patient to Falls City, Texas. Then he will have a 20-day delay at his home. It will be a sad day for the fish in Texas when "Red" gets there, as he rates among the best of anglers.

Headquarters is left without a Sergeant Major for awhile since Master Sergeant **George Washburn** also took a veteran patient to a Texas destination. He will spend three days at his home in Fort Worth on the return trip.

Corporal **Thomas Butler**, who usually writes this column, had to turn in to the hospital last week with an infected tonsil. The detachment hopes that it will not be for long, and First Sergeant **Tea Garland**, in particular, would like to see him back, since he now has no company clerk.

Corporal **Boyd Patterson** is back at his old job of driving at night, having returned recently from a leave in Texas.

Corporal **Bobby Sullivan** returned from his leave in Louisiana, then left again Monday on the Hospital Train.

The detachment members would like to send their best wishes to Sergeant First Class **Joseph Ellis**, who is now a patient. We miss his booming voice and good cooking around the mess.

Report From Washington

Dependents of active Armed Forces personnel may now receive medical treatment at any Service hospital at a standard per diem rate of $1.75. Treatment will normally be furnished by the Service with which the dependent is connected, when facilities are available. In emergency cases and when hospitals of the proper Service are **not** available, dependents may enter hospitals of other Services.

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The Marine Corps is expanding its school facilities to afford more training for new men. Under the new program, three of each four one-year enlistees will receive four to nine months of specialist training after "boot" camp.

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New Air Force directives prescribe the wearing of currently issued enlisted men's insignia until the newly-authorized insignia are available at each installation in quantities sufficient for all men.

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The Armed Forces are again reminding personnel that Christmas packages for persons serving overseas should be mailed between October 15 and November 15.

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Safety studies show that a man in the Army is three times safer from accidents than one in civilian life, according to Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff. Gen. Bradley called on the Army to "redouble its effort to cut down on accidental injuries."

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A book describing Belgium decorations awarded to members of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, has been published in Brussels by Lt. Col. A. De Beane of the Belgian Army. Entitled, "Belgium Remembers and Honors the U.S. Armies of Liberation." It contains a color illustration of each decoration, describes the reasons for the award, and names the recipient.

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The B-29 Superforts of three SAC bomb groups, now on temporary duty at bases in Britain, will begin rotating to home stations this month. As each Group returns to the U.S. it will be replaced by one from the States.

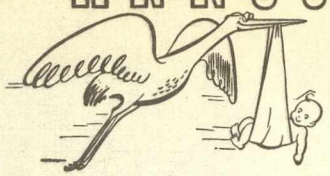
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The Army Dental Corps has realized the autonomy it has sought for a long time. New directives make the senior Dental officer of a unit responsible directly to the commanding officer on a staff level, instead of to the unit Surgeon as heretofore.

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In recent transfers from the Army of responsibilities for aviation missions to foreign countries the Air Force gained 199 commissioned officer slots, 12 warrant officer spaces and 190 enlisted spaces, in grades ranging from Major General to Sergeant.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To Sergeant and Mrs. Fred J. Washburn, a boy, **Michael Dean,** born 24 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Edgar L. Wyrick, a girl, **Annabelle,** born 25 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Bill Alexander Heckman, a girl, **Linda La Rue,** born 25 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert Grady, a girl, **Gale,** born 25 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Joe Toni a girl, **Margaret Antoinette,** born 25 September.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. John W. McDonald, a boy, **John Edward,** born 25 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. George W. Jones, a girl, **Paula Georgene,** born 25 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Richard M. Schambach, a girl, **Georgia Lucille,** born 26 September.

To Sgt. First Class and Mrs. Donald L. Smith, a girl, **Patricia Louise,** born 26 September.

To Major and Mrs. Avery Parsons King, a girl, **Judith Ann,** born 26 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William C. Ryan, a girl, **Alice Marie,** born 26 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Wayne L. Horr, a boy, **Gary Allen,** born 26 September.

To Major and Mrs. Keith Gordon Lindell, a boy, **Jeffrey Cameron,** born 26 September.

To Captain and Mrs. William E. Weller, a boy, **Paul Richard,** born 26 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Jack R. Nichols, a boy, **Jack Michael,** born 27 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Everett G. Salyer, a girl, **Susan Lynn,** born 27 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph John Sofet, a girl, **Anne,** born 27 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. John Rizo, a boy, **Randy Maher,** born 27 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Stephen John Kubik, a girl, **Marlene Ann,** born 28 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Melvin O. Owens, a boy **Melvin Dudley,** born 28 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Marion J. Knight, a girl, **Judith Ann,** born 28 September.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Noble Boston, a boy, **Jeffrey Howard,** born 29 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Kenneth John Hovanic, a boy, **Michael Joseph,** born 29 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond B. Bell, a boy, **Joseph,** born 29 September.

To Major and Mrs. Floyd O. Tacklind, a boy, **Richard Floyd,** born 29 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Reynold H. Hayes, a boy, **Charles Elbert,** born 30 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert Lewis McConner, a boy, **Robert Lewis, Jr.,** born 30 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Jose E. Quintana, a girl, **Linda Barbara,** born 30 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Wilbur Curtis Jones, a boy, **Wilbur Curtis, Jr.,** born 30 September.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Robert T. Taggart, a boy, **William Creswell,** born 30 September.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Glenn Malson, a girl, **Linda Caroline,** born 30 September.

To Corporal and Mrs. Frank O. Brace, a girl, **Donna Kay,** born 30 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Darrell H. Pingree, a girl, **Cheryl Ann,** born 30 September.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. James Newlan Culbert, a girl, **Christine Lee,** born 1 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Adron K. Holland, a boy, **Vernon Oliver,** born 1 October.

To Major and Mrs. William Barker Wootton, Jr., a boy, **William Barker, III,** born 1 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Frank L. Lutton, Jr., a girl, **Carolyn Sue,** born 1 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Charles F. Schmidt, Jr., a girl, **Linda Ann,** born 2 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. John S. Murray, a girl, **Ruby Alanna,** born 2 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. John F. Campbell, a girl, **Susan Juanita,** born 2 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Junior R. Ely, a girl, **Anna Marie,** born 2 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Frank F. Atkinson, a girl, **Pamela Jean,** born 3 October.

To Master Serggeant and Mrs. Robert D. Franzwaa, a girl, **Beverly Jeanne,** born 3 OOctober.

Answering the Veterans Queries

A total of 46,520 veterans received medical or surgical treatment as patients during fiscal year 1948 in the 12 Veterans Administration hospitals in the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.)

In addition, 22,546 veteran-patients were treated in Army, Navy and private hospitals where the Veterans Administration has beds under contract.

Out-patient treatment was provided by VA for 275,503 veterans with service-connected disabilities during the year. Physical examinations for compensation and pension, insurance and other purposes totalled 340,536.

The demand for medical treatment is increasing each year and is not expected to reach its peak until some time after 1975, VA reports.

Admission to VA hospitals is goverened by a priority system, based on law and good medical practice. The priority classifications are:

1. Emergency cases are admitted immediately.

2. Second priority is given veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities. These are disabilities or diseases received or aggravated while the veteran was in service.

3. Last on the list are non-service connected cases, which do not require emergency treatment. These cases are admitted if they certify that they cannot afford to pay for hospitalization elsewhere. They must wait until a bed is available.

Question: May I go to my own doctor for treatment of my disability and have Veterans Administration pay the bill?

Answer: Only if you receive prior VA approval for such treatment or care. Approval is based on the following conditions: (1) you must have a service-connected disability; (2) VA must not be able to provite the treatment in its own hospitals or clinics; (3) travel to a VA station would work a hardship on you. In emergency cases, a veteran may apply to the nearest physician and have the physician notify the VA regional office having jurisdiction over the area.

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Chief of Radiology Leaves to Return To Retired Life

Colonel Luther R. Moore, Chief of the Radiological Service, passed to retired life on Thursday, and there was an informal and brief ceremony in the office of the Commanding General, attended by the Chiefs of the Services, where Colonel Moore was felicitated as he left Letterman.

Colonel Moore is one of the "old timers" in the Letterman tradition in that he served a full tour of duty here in the piping days of peace and was very happy to return when the shooting war was over. He feels it is very appropriate that he be retired from his favorite station.

The colonel is a native of southern Illinois, and a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Illinois. He first came to California for his internship at the Los Angeles County Hospital and remained to practice for three years in the Imperial Valley before moving on to Alaska for a year.

Colonel Moore was commissioned in the Regular Army as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps in January 1918 and has been active in radiology all during his military career. He had service in Alaska and Panama prior to the start of World War II and was on duty at Letterman from 1937 until 1941 when he was sent back to Alaska as Surgeon for the Alaska Defense Command and remained there for nearly three years.

On his return to the continental limits he was stationed at Camp Haan for a short period before assuming command of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Staunton, Va. On 1 November 1944 he was designated Surgeon for the Ninth Service ommand with station at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he remained until July 1946 when he came back to Letterman.

The colonel is a member of the American Medical Association, the Radiological Society of North America, and is a Diplomate, American Board of Radiology. He was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944 for his high standard of performance of duty in Alaska and received the Army Commendation Ribbon for his work as Service Command Surgeon.

Colonel Moore plans to make his home just a short distance down the peninsula where he will be close to Letterman and find it convenient to visit us frequently. He will always be welcome.

Colonel Moore was retired by operation of law on 31 August 1948 but immediately recalled to active duty.



Colonel LUTHER R. MOORE, MC
Who retired from active service this week.

US Chief Reports On Red Cross at Stockholm Meet

(AFPS)—In a statement released upon his return to New York, Mr. Basil O'Connor, President of the American Red Cross, said: "Broad steps toward peace and humanization of warfare were taken at the 17th International Red Cross Conference held in Stockholm, Sweden."

"Some of the most important developments in the 86 years of Red Cross history took place at the Stockholm Conference," Mr. O'Connor added. He went on to point out that these included the passage of several new provisions concerning the protection of civilians in wartime, the world-wide operations of the Red Cross, and other humanitarian efforts; and the outlining of a new proposed treaty.

In particular, an urgent plea was issued calling upon the nations to outlaw the atomic bomb, as well as all other "blind" arms which devastate large areas indiscriminately.

The conference also discussed the setting up and broadening of the blood plasma program for use in wartime and in emergencies of any other nature. Proposed changes in the Geneva Treaty would be more specific concerning the treatment of prisoners of war, especially medical men.

The proposed new treaty and revised conventions will be laid before a diplomatic conference of the world's nations which will be called together by Switzerland—traditional home of neutrality—and which will approve or reject the proposal as matters of international law.

Honor, Glory Mark Navy's 173 Years of U. S. History

By Armed Forces Press Service

October 27, 1948, the 173rd anniversary of the United States Navy, is a day of many-fold importance for the serviceman and civilian alike.

Sea-power developments of the embryonic sailing ships of John Paul Jones into the modern two-ocean Navy have been almost unbelievable. Characteristically, we can look into our nautical future and see the atom-powered, rocket-firing Navy of tomorrow proving to be just as progressive.

Nautically - conscious Continental Congressmen authorized the construction and manning of 13 frigates in 1775 — our first official Navy. They argued that although economically poor, the newly-formed United States could not afford to be without sea power to equalize the struggle with Great Britain, then "Mistress of the Seas."

Revolutionary War

Our Fleet was unable to offer an organized resistance during the Revolutionary War for, although some 2,000 individual commanders and privateers dauntlessly sailed into British waters and attacked merchant shipping, the Empire blockade was never broken. However, colorful victories won over superior forces by men like John Paul Jones inspired greater unity in the fledgling Republic. After the end of fighting, largely made possible by the allied French fleet, the U. S. Navy practically disappeared.

Six years later, harassed by French merchantmen and Barbary pirates, Congress voted for Naval re-establishment. The Navy Department was formed in 1798, and immediately ordered action against the buccaneering State of Tripoli. Four years of war followed, highlighted by Lt. Stephen Decatur's spectacular raid that succeeded in burning a captured frigate right under the muzzles of pirate gunners. The Mediterranean naval wars gave our Fleet new prestige, showing the world that our ships were formidable combat adversaries.

Old Ironsides

While British suppression of American seamen slowly fused the War of 1812, the Navy was growing up with 16 battleships. The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) and the Constellation, along with other heroic ships, won many individual sea battles. Inland battles on the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain, won by the competent commands of Commodores Oliver H. Perry and Thomas MacDonough, were instrumental in keeping the British from advancing into the Northwest Territories.

After the war, the Administration agreed that we should build a strong sea force to protect our far-flung interests. Unruly Barbary States had to be defeated again in 1815; Commodore Matthew C. Perry diplomatically opened the far east to world trade; and Navy craft were dispatched to guard our famous clipper trading ships all over the world. By 1860, Americans pointed with mixed pride at a 42-vessel fleet that still included archaic sailing ships like the Constitution.

Radically-changed iron-clad ships, new developments in submarine and mine warfare, more powerful cannon, and steam power instead of sails were ushered in by the War Between the States. Above all, the struggle taught Naval authorities blockading; the quickest way to cut a country's life lines. Admiral David Farragut also dealt crippling blows by racing up the Mississippi and capturing key Confederate ports. His famous battle cry was "Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead!"

Despite our 700 ship fleet, we were still 12th in naval strength after the Civil War. Most of the ships were decaying due to their armor-plated wood construction; in 1881, scarcely a single vessel was seaworthy. It was then the engineers began to call for an all-steel craft.

Dewey at Manila

In 1898, when the U.S.S. Maine exploded in the Havana harbor, the already-shaky relationship between the U. S. and Spain was touched off. Our Eastern Fleet, using the forerunner of a group attack maneuver, blockaded and routed the Castilian fleet at Santiago Harbor. Commodore George Dewey's famous victory at Manila was won without the loss of a single American life. We emerged from the four-month Spanish skirmish accepted as a world naval power.

President Theodore Roosevelt, often called the "Father of the Modern U. S. Navy," mobilized the Fleet to enforce our Monroe Doctrine policy during a three power European blockade of Venezuela.

At the brink of the World War I, our Navy had a fleet built around 37 battleships, and had gunnery and maneuverability powers superior to any other navy. Our first task in 1917 was to check the submarine shipping destruction that was quickly sapping Allied strength. More than 70,000 mines were laid in the Atlantic, and over two million American soldiers were transported without loss of life. Paramount developments in our own submarine division supplemented the surface craft, and a small Naval Air Arm was among the first U. S. forces to land in France.

We Disarm

Our Naval achievements were pronounced during the World War I. Tragically enough, we lost six warships in battle, then gave up 31 major vessels in the purge of disarmament that followed. Germany, Italy, and Japan made no effort to live up to their part of the international agreement.

The Axis aggressor preparation brought us Pearl Harbor and World War II in 1941. German and Italian surface fleets had already been rendered helpless by our Allies, but submarine warfare was as deadly a menace as ever. The Navy's job in the Atlantic was to beat the sub dangers, and furnish the great Armada of craft needed for the Sicily and Normandy beach assaults.

World War II

D-Day invasion, the greatest amphibious operation in history, saw 2,500 ships land our troops in Normandy. Mostly defensive at the outset, our Navy soon began to take a toll of Japanese shipping in the Pacific. Victorious in the Battles of Midway and Coral Sea, the Fleet went on to wage a desperate fight for Okinawa. Close to the end of the war, when our force totaled 8,234 ships, we were able to shell airfields and factories right on the Japanese mainland. The last of the Nipponese fleet was annihilated in the Philippine Sea engagement.

Today, with it's undersea, surface, and above-surface craft poised like Neptune's three-pronged trident, the Navy stands ready—truly a "Victor in War, and a Guardian in Peace."

Do It This Way, Soldier!



US Navy

Navy, Army and Air Force men holystoning the deck aboard the *U. S. S. Duluth* are just as much a part of Service unification as conferences between the joint Chiefs of Staff. In this case, 12 soldiers, relaxing aboard the cruiser after being awarded "soldier-of-the-week" privilege trips from their stations in Japan are "pitching in" to help keep the craft ship-shape. A voluntary gesture on the part of the soldiers and airmen, it is a graphic portrayal of unification at its best.

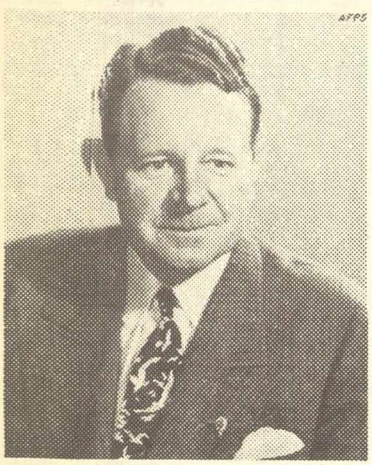


A Prayer for Navy Day

Almighty God, who art the Father of all men and in whose mercy there is a wideness like the wideness of the sea; let Thy blessings be on the men of the Navy, protect their families while they are away from home, and keep them true to their best selves and faithful to Thee.

Grant that they may be alert and able to suppress wrong and defend right. May the anchors of the ships on which they serve be weighed for missions of peace and goodwill, but if the defense of the ideals of freedom and justice on which that peace is founded is ever necessary, may the men on whom this responsibility falls be as valiant and victorious as those before them who have gone "down to the sea in ships."

Guide our nation in the way of truth that freedom may be our constant possession. Strengthen our characters and teach us discipline that we may fulfill our obligation of leadership in world affairs. Give us faith, a readiness to work, and the determination to build a better world. These blessings we ask on Navy Day in confidence that Thy promises never fail. Amen.



John Lawrence Sullivan

Secretary of the Navy . . . succeeded James Forrestal when latter assumed role of Secretary of Defense, September, 1947 . . . prior to appointment served as Assistant Secretary of Navy for Air from July 1, 1945 to June 17, 1946 . . . Under Secretary of Navy from June 17, 1946, to September 18, 1947 . . . In both offices succeeded Artemus L. Gates . . . As Assistant Air Secretary, was inducted into office aboard USS Shangri La off the Japanese mainland July 2, 1945 . . . Mr. Sullivan was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, June 16, 1889 . . . During World War I entered Naval Reserve Force as Apprentice Seaman . . . Reported for active duty with Naval unit at Yale University . . . Discharged from active duty September 30, 1921 . . . Received B.A. at Dartmouth College, 1921 . . . Bachelor of Laws from Harvard Law School, 1924 . . . Admitted to New Hampshire State Bar in 1923 . . . Entered practice with father in 1924 . . . Sole owner in firm of Sullivan and Sullivan in 1931 . . . Withdrew for period of service with Navy Department . . . Appointed Assistant to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, September 1939 . . . Assistant Secretary of Treasury, January 1940 . . . Left Treasury post in 1944 . . . Awarded Treasury Department's Distinguished Service Award and Silver Medal for services rendered during war in finance program . . . Ardent fisherman and golfer . . . Married Priscilla Manning of Manchester, New Hampshire, 1932 . . . Father of two daughters and a son.—AFPS

Joint Operation



Naval units always have been instrumental in bringing amphibious forces to their shore objective. Operation Camid III maneuvers in Virginia were no exception as Marine and Army invaders established a beach-head under the steady drone of Air Force and Navy planes overhead. Photo shows integrated West Point Cadets and Annapolis midshipmen "hitting the beach" after being landed by swift and efficient Naval barges.

Scuttlebutt

U. S. Marines have made more than 200 landings on foreign shores in every part of the world during their 172 years of service.



Admiral Louis E. Denfield, USN

Chief of Naval Operations . . . Appointed November 13, 1947, succeeding Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz . . . Assumed duties December 15, 1947 . . . Appointed to U. S. Naval Academy from Minnesota, 1908 . . . Graduated 1912 . . . Reported for instruction submarine base, New London, Conn. . . . Subsequent duty in office of Chief of Naval Operations . . . Aide and Flag Secretary staff of Admiral Leigh . . . Aide to Admiral Leahy . . . Special Naval observer, American Embassy, London, England, March, 1941 . . . Chief of Staff, aide to Commander Support Force, Atlantic Fleet, April-December, 1941 . . . Assistant to Chief of Bureau of Navigation, January, 1942 . . . Commander Battleship Division 9, December, 1945 . . . After collapse of Japan appointed Chief of Bureau of Personnel, rank of Vice Admiral, September, 1945 . . . Commander in Chief Pacific and Pacific Fleet, February, 1947 . . . Awarded Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Mexican Service Medal, the Victory Medal, Destroyer Clasp, Haitian Campaign Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal; entitled to American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. . . . Married to former Miss Rachel Metcalf.—AFPS

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EDITORIAL

NAVY DAY

More than a quarter of a century ago the Navy League of the United States sponsored the first national observance of Navy Day, on October 27, 1922. This date has continued to be observed under Presidential Proclamation — honoring the Navy and encouraging the American people's interest in a modern, scientific sea arm that carries to the far corners of the earth America's symbol of freedom, the Stars and Stripes.

Navy Day commemorates the date on which the Continental Congress established the nucleus of today's Navy. October 27, 1775, saw the first resolution to authorize American warships for the defense of the colonies. The Navy came under the Department of War until April 30, 1798, when Congress established the Department of the Navy.

Next Wednesday the nation will observe Navy Day, and this issue of the Fog Horn features stories of the Navy and of the accomplishments of its personnel, as an Army salute to fellow members of our unified National Defense Establishment.



Two of the Letterman nurses, First Lieut. **Catherine A. Merat** and Second Lieut. **Marjorie Samson,** were aboard the Armed Services float in the Portola parade last Sunday, and they will do a repeat performance in the parade tonight. They report that this kind of parading, with no long marches involved, is fun. Two members of each branch of the Armed Forces were on the float. The nurses wore seersucker uniforms and OD capes.

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First Lieut. **Emmaline W. Hallett,** ANC, was called home on emergency leave last week due to the illness of her mother.

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Captain **Vida Buehler,** WMSC, chief of Physical Therapy, is enjoying a week's leave here in San Francisco.

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Captain **Kate A. Haenisch,** ANC, began this week on her pre-embarkation leave before going overseas. She is due to report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., on 9 November for duty in Bremerhaven, Germany.

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First Lieut. **Beth Campbell,** WM SC, of the dietitians staff, was obliged to postpone her departure from Army life, due to the necessity for an operation. She is now a patient on ward O-1, and is able to have visitors. She is not the only member of her family who is at present a patient here—her brother, Major **Calvin C. Campbell,** arrived Tuesday and is on ward A-2.

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Nine Letterman nurses departed last week for temporary duty on hospital trains. First Lieuts. **Marguerite Laetsch, Jessie Morgan** and **Gloria Saffield** have Camp Kilmer, N. J., as their ultimate destination. They will remain in the East until a hospital ship arrives from Europe, and will then return on the hospital train with westbound patients. The others on hospital train duty will return in the near future from trips which took them to various Army hospitals. They are: First Lieuts. **Kathleen F. Neely, Ann K. Brady, Lena J. Cricco, Nita Krebs, Helen A. McCloskey** and **Elizabeth A. Zettel.**

WAC

Two WAC bowling teams got into action last week at the Letterman bowling alley, handicaps were set up, and all is now in readiness for league play. One team is composed of First Lieut. **Frances Harllee,** Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher,** Sergeant **Gladys L. Knowles,** Corporal **Marilouise Damm** and Pfc. **Lorraine Fincher.** The other team includes Captain **Minnie Lee Young,** First Sergeant **Opal Glenn,** Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton,** Sergeant **Jane T. Jones,** Corporal **Evelyn Leonard** and Corporal **Betty Stahl.**

Corporal **Sally Craig** went to Salt Lake City on a three-day pass this week to visit friends.

Captain **Marion Chapin,** former CO of the WAC detachment here, and Captain **Margaret Lassetter,** who is leaving shortly for station at Fitzsimons General Hospital, spent last week end on a camping trip in Marin County.

It was so hot Sunday when the members of the WAC detachment marched up Market Street in the Portola Festival parade, that two of the girls from the Camp Stoneman detachment fainted. The Lettermanites bore up well, however, and their only regrets were that they were brought back to the post when they completed their march, and didn't get to see the parade themselves.

Sergeant **Esther Hart** enjoyed a three-day pass in Los Angeles this week.

Sergeant **Billie Maples,** who has been spending her 30-day re-enlistment leave at her home in Birmingham, Alabama, is back on duty on ward S-1. Probably seems odd to "Alabama" to hear our Yankee twang again, after that "refresher" course of a month among the soft southern accents.

Sergeant First Class **Grace K. Davis,** who was sworn in to the Regular Army recently, decided to defer her leave until next month, when she plans a trip to her home state of Pennsylvania.

We must make automatic and habitual, as early as possible, as many useful actions as we can . . . The more of the details of our daily life we can hand over to the effortless custody of automatism, the more our higher powers of mind will be set free for their own proper work. **—William James.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 24, October, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Who Wants to Be Sick? Not This Guy; Medicine Is Medicine

(AFPS)—Ever been on sick call, Soldier?

Dosed with CC pills or salts? Sure you have. Well, don't complain, because soldiers of Hyderabad in far off India get a lot worse under the general heading of medicinals.

Patients in Hyderabad are dosed with medicinal compounds of precious gems and minerals, powdered lizards, musk, ambergris and more than 2,000 other "indigenous powers" derived from nature rather than the laboratories.

Ever suffer from heart trouble? Fear not—here, at last is a sure cure for what ails you, according to Dr. Falurrahman Kahn, leading Hyderabad physician. One tiny teaspoonful of a compound called "jawahir muhra" will cost you plenty—to be exact $65 per slug—but with guaranteed results. Its formula calls for powdered emeralds, rubies, pearls, gold, silver, musk and ambergris. (What, no spam?)

It is India's best medicine, states the doctor, who cares naught for such nostrums as penicillin, sulfa drugs and streptomyecin.

Due to its prohibitive cost, however, "jawahir muhra" is prescribed only as a last resort. Plain gold and pearls come cheaper and are in general demand as a "household" remedy when mixed with sulphur and honey. This remedy, used as a tonic, retails for 30 cents per dose.

The medico described this prescription as "our most basic medicine," used in the treatment of tuberculosis, chronic rheumatism, weakness of the brain, asthma, bronchitis, epilepsy and "loss of male vigor."

WAC OF THE WEEK



BETTY STAHL
Corporal

Corporal Betty Stahl is a Lettermanite on two counts. She is now a member of the WAC detachment, on duty in the operating room, but before being assigned to duty here she was a patient for several months.

Coming to Letterman was like coming home for her. She was born in Alameda, and grew up in San Francisco and in Reno, Nevada. She went to boarding school at Saint Joseph's in Sacramento, and after finishing high school in Reno she attended business college there.

After her marriage in 1943, she went to Alaska, where her husband was on duty at Fort Richardson with the Engineer Corps. She was first with Signal Corps, doing teletype work, and later she had a secretarial job with the Air Corps.

In 1945 she decided to join the WAC, and flew back to Reno for induction. She went to Des Moines for her basic training, then to Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, where she had medical and surgical technicians' training.

Betty's first duty station was an Air Force station hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, where she worked in surgery. Next stop was a station hospital at Colorado Springs, Colorado, headquarters for the 15th Air Force. She spent a year at Fort George Wright, in Spokane, Washington.

When she left Washington it was to come to Letterman as a patient, in January of this year. In April she was assigned to duty here, first on ward H, then in the operating room.

Betty says she would welcome a tour of duty overseas. She recently re-enlisted in the Regular Army. Sports are her favorite leisure pastimes, with swimming, horseback riding and tennis the favorites.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Colonel **C. W. McMillan,** former executive officer of Letterman, is making favorable progress on ward L-1.

On ward A-1 Colonel **H. C. Gibner,** retired medical officer, is improving day by day following an operation.

Sergeant First Class **Harvey A. Chelf,** patient on ward 31, had a crowd of eager onlookers around him Monday morning on the ramp when he was displaying his collection of regimental crests. He has been working on this collection only nine months, and already he has over 150 crests. But even that many doesn't seem like a lot to Sergeant Chelf, who formerly had a collection numbering 3,000. Unfortunately it was stolen, and he had to begin again. He says he would appreciate it if any patients who have regimental crests with which they would be willing to part would get in touch with him on ward 31.

After spending several months as a bed-patient, Captain **Dean K. Wood** of ward D-2 is now seeing the world outside the ward via wheelchair, and he's finding it very diverting.

Sergeant **Jack Polk,** patient on ward E-1, feels he has introduced something new to the art of pinching (not that pinching can be regarded as an art, of course). Jack reached out and pinched a passerby on the arm with his toes the other day, and his wardmates think it is only fair to issue a bulletin on his unusual activities.

Even though he's a bed-patient, veteran **Frederick Ebright,** on ward E-2, is conducting extensive Occupational Therapy operations. With wire and soldering iron, he is making frames for lampshades, and the material for the shades he is weaving on a small loom.

Corporal **Eugene Durbin** and veteran **Martin Miller,** both from Montana, knew each other's home town but didn't know one another until they met as patients on ward K-3. Now they have the nucleus of a Montana club, and are looking around for other patients from their state.

Antonio Alarcon, veteran patient on ward D-1, now that he has the cast off his head and neck has such new freedom of movement that he casually reached out and captured a passing butterfly the other day. The butterfly, a handsome specimen, is now being preserved for posterity between the pages of the book Antonio is studying—a course in accounting and bookkeeping.

There's been a mysterious run recently in the Letterman library on the books of two nineteenth century authors, Dickens and Thackeray. A copy of Thackeray's "Henry Esmond" has been read to the point where is became necessary to discard it and secure a replacement. Maybe the readers just long to get back via books to a less turbulent time than our own.

Mrs. **Robert F. Bergen,** wife of Letterman's Sergeant Major, is a patient on ward O-1, and her bedside table is laden with flowers, mostly beautiful deep-red roses.

Next Wednesday afternon, 27 October, at 2 p. m. in the Recreation Hall, the Red Cross will sponsor a return engagement of **George Koltanowski,** the chess expert who bested all comers in the games last month. This time Mr. Kolstanowski will play eight games simultaneously while blindfolded. Chess addicts and non-chess players will both find the exhibition play interesting.

Corporal **Robert S. Higa,** patient on ward K-2, thoughtfully remembered the P.T. staff this week with a bouquet of roses. Though they look exactly like the perishable kind, they're artificial and won't fade.

On ward E-2, Pfc. **Ivan J. Christianson** of Mountain View, California, was deeply interested Monday in the new USAFI course he had just received by mail. He's been in the hospital for 13 weeks and time hasn't exactly flown, but now that he's beginnig to study, he won't be singing "Time On My Hands" any more.

Harold Harlan, veteran patient on ward E-2, is from Nevada City, California. He's been in the hospital since June, but now he's looking forward to going home in the not-too-distant future. His wife June and their son Hugh are waiting for him on their ranch. "It's just a small place, but we have a little of everything," Harlan says, "cows, pigs, chickens and rabbits."

ON THE SPOT



CARLOS SCHMIDT
Corporal

Corporal Carlos Schmidt, who is on duty in the Letterman gym, has been in the army over seven years, and he spent nearly half that time as a prisoner of the Japanese. During his time as a prisoner he endured hardships that are difficult to forget, but he says they made him appreciate more than ever before the pleasures of normal everyday life.

Carlos was born in San Francisco and went to school here and in Oakland. Before he joined the Army he was foreman in a juice plant in Los Angeles.

He enlisted in the Army in May 1941, and two weeks later was on his way to Nichols Field in the Philippines. He was stationed there at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. After the field was bombed, those who were evacuated went to Fort McKinley, where they billeted in a large tunnel.

Shortly before the fall of Bataan, Carlos was hospitalized for a time, but he was on guard duty at the time of the surrender. When the "Death March" began on 15 April 1942, Carlos was, as he puts it, "among those present." He was at Camp O'Donnell, and later at Cabanatuan, where he contracted malaria. He spent most of his time at the latter camp working on a rice farm. He was sent to Japan on a prison ship, and was there when the American troops liberated the prisoners on 14 September 1945. He was shipped to Letterman as a patient, then went on a 90-day rehabilitation furlough.

After re-enlisting in the Army in 1946, he came to Letterman again, this time on duty status, and has been assigned to the gym ever since. He plans to make the Army his career.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** manager of the Main PX store, has filled three scrapbooks during her six years at Letterman. The material in the books includes not only the usual "strictly personal" kind, it also emphasizes interesting highlights of Letterman history during that time.

George Hansen, Laundry, is visiting Modesto and Sacramento during his four-week vacation, and fishing is on his "must do" list. He reports that his year-old son, Junior, is also enjoying the vacation travel.

Sally Perlman, Red Cross medical social worker here at Letterman, is a patient on ward G-1, and her many friends here are rooting for her speedy recovery.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel is on the last lap of a three-week vacation, and will be back at her desk on Monday.

Felecie Trulson, Laundry, will spend six weeks vacation "down South," while **Ricardo Montes,** also of the Laundry, drove to Boston to enjoy a nine-week leave.

Madeline Rose of the Chaplain's Office went to the opera Sunday evening, and reports that she enjoyed "Carmen" very much.

The sympathy of her friends at Letterman goes to **Mary Lerner** of the Dental Service, whose father died suddenly last Sunday.

"Ace" Guth, who has been ward secretary on B-1, recently transferred, and is now at the top of the alphabetical scale, secretary on ward A-1.

Marshall Douglas of the photo lab is back on duty after a 10-day leave, more enthusiastic than ever (as if that were possible) about taking glamor shots.

Ruth Staley, who teaches typing and English to LGH patients, spent an anxious afternoon last week worrying about her two-year-old daughter, Nicky Sue, who had fallen from a six-foot wall. But when Ruth got home she found everything serene, and she says she knows now what people mean when they refer to a "bouncing baby."

Welcome to a newcomer on the clerical staff in Separation Center: **Joseph Millnamow.**

Signe Anderson of the Chief Nurse's office took a three-day leave this week. She didn't go out of town, but spent the time doing exactly as she pleased.

A DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY IN 1948—TEN YEARS WITH THE ARMY; TWO AT LGH



Mrs. STELLA ZUMWALT
On duty in the Adjutant's Office.

When you're on duty in the Adjutant's office, almost any kind of question is likely to come your way, and the questions need speedy and accurate answers. Mrs. Stella Zumwalt, whose desk is the first you approach when you enter the Adjutant's office, is accustomed to dealing with even the most unexpected queries and she either has the information at her fingertips or knows where to obtain it quickly. Her cheerful competence and charm of manner have made many friends for her since she has been at Letterman.

Mrs. Zumwalt is a native of San Francisco, and was educated in the schools of this city. Before her marriage she worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for a time.

Her husband, Dr. A. J. Zumwalt, was a San Francisco dentist. After his death a number of years ago, Mrs. Zumwalt and her son and daughter made their home in Berkeley. Her son Frank, who served in the Navy during the war, is now studying dentistry at the University of California Dental College here in San Francisco. Her daughter Jean was graduated last June from the University of California, and is now a dietetic interne at Colorado State Hospital.

Mrs. Zumwalt has been a civilian employee of the Army for the past ten years. In 1938 she began work at the Presidio in the office of the Corps Area Surgeon, and in 1942 she went to Ninth Service Command headquarters in Salt Lake City and remained there for four years. During that time she was secretary to Brigadier General John M. Willis, Service Command surgeon, and was also chief clerk in his office.

She returned to the Presidio in June 1946, and was in the office of the Sixth Army Surgeon for a few months. In October 1946 she transferred to Letterman and her present assignment. When the Commanding General's secretary, Mrs. May Beswick, is absent on leave, Mrs. Zumwalt takes over her work as an "additional duty."

At present Mrs. Zumwalt is a commuter, driving to and from Berkeley daily with her son, but she is looking forward to moving to San Francisco next month.

Troop Information And Education

"The overall emphasis of American Education Week this year (7 to 13 November) is upon the role of education in **"Strengthening the Foundation of Freedom,"** according to Agnes Samuelson, assistant editor of the Journal of the National Education Association.

In the past decade the civilized world has been staggered by two terrific blows. A world depression followed by a world at war has left its mark upon education. Along with many other cherished aspects of our civilization, education has been endangered by the ill winds of adversity and the destructive forces of war. But fortunately those in charge of education have not surrendered to a defeatist philosophy.

John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, in an address before an international Congress of Education for Democracy held in New York, in August 1939, made the following statement: "Education will not move democracy forward by merely teaching courses of study concerned with the democratic philosophy and principles. Such courses are necessary, but the everyday teaching that is done in all sorts of fields from arithmetic to home economics, from physical training to psychology, is pertinent to our problem of making democracy work. The teaching of the tool subjects—reading, writing, and figuring—is education for democracy, the most fundamental kind of teaching we do; for it is the basis for life-long self-education. The proper teaching of reading and writing gives meaning to the concept of free press and freedom of expression. This is education for democracy; for it makes more secure the foundations of the Republics which depend for their stablity on literate electorate."

If democracies are to be able to resist the might of totalitarian powers arrayed against them, they must do more than develop the skills that make resistance possible. They must arouse a spirit that will inspire that resistance by making evident the backgrounod of the struggle, the underlying causes, and above all, the aims that are entered into, but the results of the training are used with conviction based upon understanding rather than emotion, and thus democracy is preserved.

MEDICAL DETACH

Pfc. **Mike O'Toole, Pfc. Bradford K. Libby** and Pfc. **James Faucett** took a three day pass and went to Los Angeles.

Cpl. **Anthony "Sandy" Gacioch** has been transferred to the Letterman Bowling Alley. He says that now he hopes to get enough practice so that he can raise his league average to two hundred. At the present time his average is 172. "Sandy" has been on the Physical Reconditioning Bowling team ever since his assignment to Letterman.

Pfc. **Abel Windsor,** now working at the Letterman Swimming Pool, can be seen daily pumping around the post on his new-found bicycle. The bicycle is one of a pair formerly joined together as a side-by-side tandem for use by the Physical Reconditioning Branch.

Cpl. **George D. Adams** finally came through with a winner at Golden Gate Fields. He took a chance on "Pure Chance" to win, place or show. The horse came in to win, giving George a 1300 per cent profit. George says that it was pure chance that the horse came in at all.

Here is a correction for last week's issue. At that time we referred to a Pfc. Anthony Matola. The name should have been Cpl. **Carmen Mottola.**

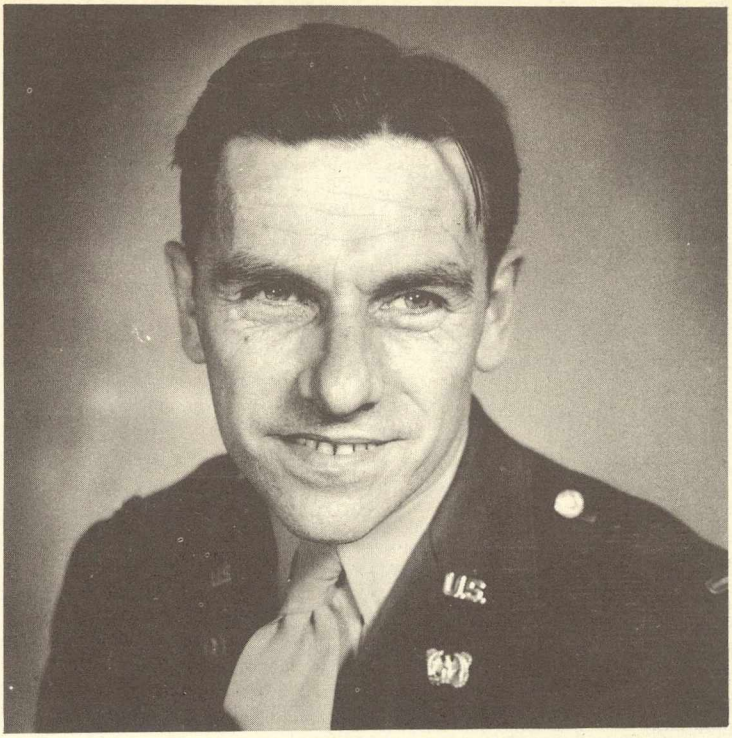
Sgt. **Glenn Opallustic** has left the Letterman gym for a thirty day furlough at his home in Southern California.

Pfc. **James Mayes** is one of the many who takes advantage of the singing hour at the Y.M.C.A. to show off his "wonderful tenor voice." Jim specializes in cowboy tunes but also likes popular music.

Master Sergeant **Harold Dixon,** who is in charge of Letterman's photographic laboratory, kept telling people last week that he was getting out of the Army. They were surprised, because Dick has nine years of service to his credit, but they believed him. He did get to be a civilian—Friday afternoon for about 30 minutes. But he's back in the Army now, enjoying the 30-day leave with which re-enlistments are rewarded.

Pfc. **Harold Nichols** has decided to take a job in the Letterman bowling alley. The reason: to add a little to his income so that he can afford the extravagance of a fiancee.

NEVER A DULL MEAL FOR CWO LEWIS AND FAMILY IN JAPAN



CWO FRED G. LEWIS
Control Officer and Assistant to Letterman's Inspector General.

Chief Warrant Officer Fred G. Lewis came to Letterman after a tour of duty in Japan, and even though he has been here since March, there are still times when from force of habit he regards the food which is set before him with a glint of suspicion in his eye. This attitude is the result of two incidents which occurred after his wife Doris and their ten-year-old daughter joined him in Japan.

"I had a house for the family, and a housekeeper," said Mr. Lewis. "Our first meal together was breakfast. The housekeeper knew that there was to be coffee for me, tea for my wife and cocoa for my daughter. Having been given full instructions, she made all three beverages very carefully. When she brought them to the table, however, they had all been mixed together. No one cared for a second sip."

At another breakfast a dish of what was supposedly a dry cereal was served. It was pale green stuff, and Mr. Lewis went to the kitchen to look at the box, since conversational communication was at a minimum. The "cereal" was dehydrated pea soup.

Here at Letterman Mr. Lewis is Control Officer and assistant to Letterman's Inspector General, Lieut. Col. William L. Beswick. He is an accomplished organist, and plays a 15-minute program of organ music over KLGH on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:45 p. m. He also plays the organ for the Protestant services in the Letterman chapel.

Mr. Lewis was born in Davenport, Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, and studied organ at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Next month he will complete 20 years of service in the Army, having joined the Air Corps in November 1928.

More than half of his time in the Army has been spent on assignments with the Chaplain Corps. He was assigned to the Chaplain's office at Fort Sam Houston for nearly 14 years. He was appointed warrant officer in May 1942, and later served overseas in Manila and in Japan. While on duty in Japan he was assistant to the Inspector General.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the American Guild of Organists, and while he was stationed in San Antonio was organist for the post chaplain, for the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the municipal auditorium.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

It has been a lonesome week around the Hospital Train Unit, with practically the entire unit aboard either of the two hospital trains that left last week. The return of Sergeant First Class **Mack Nicholls** from leave brought a great deal of joy to the Evacuation Section, which was pared down to just two men.

Corporal **Charles Harper** was discharged this week and a farewell party was held on Tuesday night. The mere sight of Corporal **Don Chah** the following day told us all it was a good one.

Corporal **William Hapchuck,** formerly of the Hospital Train Unit, returned for a visit this past week. He is now stationed at Fort Mason and will go out on the USAT General Greeley very soon.

Sergeant First Class **John Mack** says that he has loaned hundreds of dollars but that he has never been beaten out of a cent. He demonstrated how his record is maintained this past week when a certain person, who had borrowed heavily from Mack, received his final pay. Mack stood right at his elbow as they counted out that green stuff, and pocketed what was due him.

Aside from Major **Rex Huey,** the last of the old Train Unit officers has been alerted for overseas. Captain **Charles Toombs** received his alert for shipment to Hawaii in February. CWO **Edward Arlen** has been assigned as Mess Administrator to replace Captain **Russell Hey,** who leaves for Korea in December.

There was one worried Oklahoman in the stands at the USF-Oklahoma A & M game last Saturday, but his team finally came through in the last few minutes of the game for Pfc. **James McElreath** and won 27-20. Incidentally, Jim knew three of the players well, and during the half they let him in to talk to the men.

Master Sergeant **Frank O'Conner** left this week for Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a patient for the Veterans Hospital there.

Sergeant **Robert Ooley** was discharged this past week and has chosen to re-enlist nearer his home. We were sorry to lose him, but his home and wife are in Chicago, and we hope he will be happier back there.

Report From Washington

Service pay recommendations may be processed by the end of this month. A recent meeting of the Advisory Committee on Service Pay discussed final findings and placed them in the hands of Service Secretaries and their military advisors for study.

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Warrant officers may soon discard their wreath lapel insignia in favor of the branch of service insignia worn by commissioned officers. The WO cap device may also be discarded in favor of the commissioned officers insignia.

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The Air Force Section Board is slated to convene in Washington shortly to pick 250 lieutenant colonels for temporary promotion to the grade of colonel. Also contemplated are AF plans to grant temporary promotions to 5500 officers in the grades of captain, major, lieutenant colonel and colonel.

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Original enlistment of married men or persons with any dependents has been banned as of October 1 in another effort being made by Army to ease the critical housing shortage. Similar provisions already are in effect for the Air Force. The new order does not apply to men already inducted nor does it prevent their reenlistment providing that they do so within the usual 90 days.

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Those new chevrons, authorized in August, are almost ready for distribution Army-wide. Priority has been given to production of the blue on gold combat stripes, but a fair stock of the non-combat chevrons has now been built up.

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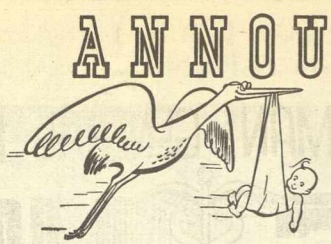
Army and Air Force men who are entitled to payments out of enemy assets for the time they spent as prisoners of the Japs have been asked not to apply for the money until Congress provides the funds to operate the proposed War Claims Commission.

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The Marine Corps has extended to January 1 the deadline for enlisting women in the Regulars in an effort to meet the 723-women quota, enlistment to be for two, three or four years. Present plans are to enlist the women for clerical billets in Marine Corps offices in Washington, San Francisco and in Recruiting Divisions and Reserve Districts throughout the country.

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Regular Navy line officers from Commanders through Ensigns and Marine Corps officers of comparable rank may now file applications for the December 3 classes at the Photographic Interpretation Center in Washington. The applications should reach the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Attention Pers-4221 prior to November 1.



To Pvt. and Mrs. Donald Francis Edwards, a boy, **Kenneth Michael,** born 4 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Howard D. Walker, a boy, **Bruce Dale,** born 4 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert A. Pettingill, a girl, **Diane Lee,** born 4 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Donald L. Kyger, twins, a boy, **David Ian,** and a girl, **Joanne Catherine,** born 4 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Charles Horace Timberlake, a girl, **Linda Beth,** born 4 October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. John E. Blacklocke, a boy, **David Edward,** born 4 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Arthur Lee Martin, a boy, **Arthur Lee, Jr.,** born 5 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Alphonse L .Hermes, a girl, **Sylvia Jeanne,** born 5 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Howard H. Smith, a boy, **Ralph Orvil,** born 5 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert J. McBroom, a girl, **Marianne,** born 5 October.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Raymond A. Johnson, a girl, **Sheila Rae,** born 6 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Louis W. Greggins, a boy, **Steven Albert,** born 7 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Kenneth L. Jensen, twins, a boy, **Robert Arnold,** and a girl, **Barbara Anne,** born 7 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. James Albert Greening, a girl, **Jeanine Ann,** born 7 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Melvin R. Kastl, a girl, **Cheryl Evelyn,** born 7 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Hansen, a girl, **Linda Jean,** born 7 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. John P. Simmons, a boy, **Daniel Robert,** born 7 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William C. Asbury, a boy, **Brian Thomas,** born 7 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Donald H. Vlcek, a boy, **Henry Arthur,** born 7 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Clarence E. Bracken, a girl, **Betty Jo,** born 7 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. John Kessler, Jr., a girl, **Sandra Jean,** born 8 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. John F. Becker, a boy, **Farrel Dean,** born 8 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Willie J. Jackson, a boy, **Danny Lee,** born 8 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. James L. Cochrane, a boy, **Patrick Francis,** born 9 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Howard E. Stinson, a boy, **Michael Allen,** born 9 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John A. Grannis, a girl, **Sharon Elizabeth,** born 8 October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Clinton H. Perry, a boy, **Clinton Ralph,** born 8 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Roger A. Riddell, a boy, **Roger Tyler,** born 8 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. James L. Wilson, a boy **Jay Lewis,** born 9 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. William C. Vinet, Jr., a girl **Madelein Estelle,** born 9 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. John B. Harville, twin girls, **Paula Yvonne** and **Karen Lyvonne,** born 9 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Marion H. Goodwin, a boy, **Donald Elrich,** born 9 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Andrew Yates Austin, a girl, **Mary Adele,** born 10 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William H. Urbanski, a girl, **Connie Lynn,** born 10 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Matt M. Guzman, a girl, **Sheila Darlyne,** born 11 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Bernard H. Fischer, a girl, **Judy Louise,** born 11 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John Peter Reisinger, a girl, **Michelle Maryse,** born 11 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Carl C. Hart, a girl, **Linda Mae,** born 12 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Chester Robert Hummel, a girl, **Diane Marie,** born 12 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Charlie J. Patterson, a boy, **Burney,** born 12 October.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Approximately eight out of every 100 Northern California veterans entitled to benefit payments from the Veterans Administration change their place of residence each month, according to Robert P. Shields, San Francisco regional VA manager.

The San Francisco VA office mails benefit checks to an average of 124,000 veterans each month. The office also processes 10,000 changes of address each month.

Despite warnings from the VA that mail carriers are prevented by law from forwarding government checks from one address to another, between 2,000 and 3,000 checks are returned each month because the veteran has failed to report his new address.

In some cases, by the time the VA learns of another address to mail the check, the veteran has moved again when the check arrives and VA must wait until they receive still another mailing address.

During fiscal year 1948 the San Francisco VA office certified 1,256,310 benefit checks for payment to veterans. The payments included subsistence for veterans enrolled in school, job or farm training under the G-I Bill and compensation or pension checks.

Benefit checks mailed during the fiscal year by the San Francisco office had a total value of $115,233,000, Shields said.

Shields again requested veterans to submit change of address promptly in order to speed up receipt of their checks and ease the VA work load caused by the handling of returned checks.

Question: I intend to be a bartender and would like to know if I can take a course in bartending under the G-I Bill?

Answer: First, you must submit to VA complete justification that the course is in connection with your present or contemplated business or occupation. Then you must receive VA approval before you start training.

Question: May I complete my last year of grade school and take a commercial course under the G-I Bill?

Answer: Yes.

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Gen. Bliss Honored By The American College of Surgeons

At the convocation on Friday evening last, which closed the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons held in Los Angeles, honorary fellowship in the college was conferred on Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army.

The meeting opened on Monday of last week with headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel and some 3500 surgeons in attendance. All through the week there were lectures and clinics scheduled for almost every hour of the day and a special feature was a series of televised operations from the Los Angeles County Hospital with a commentary as the operation progressed.

At the closing ceremonies more than 800 initiates were admitted to fellowship in the organization and among these was Colonel Lawrence C. Ball, Chief of Surgery, McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena, California.

General Bliss was one of three Americans to receive this highest honor of the American College of Surgeons and his citation reads:

"Doctor of Medicine; Doctor of Science; Member of the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross, and of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association; Military Observer in London, 1940-1941; Surgeon of the First Army and the Eastern Defense Command, 1942; Chief of Operations Service, Surgeon General's Office, 1943; An observer at the atom bomb test at Bikini; Surgeon General of the Army since 1 June 1947; Recipient of the Distinguished Medal, Legion of Merit, French Legion of Honor, Award of the Order of the Italian Crown, and the Balou Medal."

General Bliss was presented to the convocation by Regent Gilbert J. Thomas.

Others receiving the Honorary Fellowship were: Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the Navy; Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service; Dr. Rene Ghislain Appelmans, of Louvain, Belgium; Dr. Louis Bazy, of Paris, France; Dr. Clarence Crafoord, of Stockholm, Sweden; and Dr. Robert Danis, of Brussels, Belgium.

In attendance at the meeting from Letterman were Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, Colonel J. Kemp Davis, Colonel George F. Peer, Colonel Donald B. Lenkard, Lt. Colonel Joseph B. Gordon, Lt. Colonel Donald E. Reiner, Lt. Colonel John W. Guerin, and Major Alan B. Eaker.



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army
Who was honored last week by the American College of Surgeons.

Deadline for Overseas Christmas Mail is 15 Nov.

Only two weeks remain in which to mail Christmas parcels for members of the armed forces serving outside the continental United States. The deadline for mailing is 15 November. John F. Fixa, Acting Postmaster of San Francisco, announced recently that arrangements have been completed by the Post Office Department, in cooperation with the departments of national military establishments, for the acceptance of Christmas parcels for overseas mailing.

It is no longer necessary for members of the armed forces to make requests for parcels; they may be mailed as often as desired, but if they are marked "Christmas Parcel," a special effort will be made to effect delivery before 25 December.

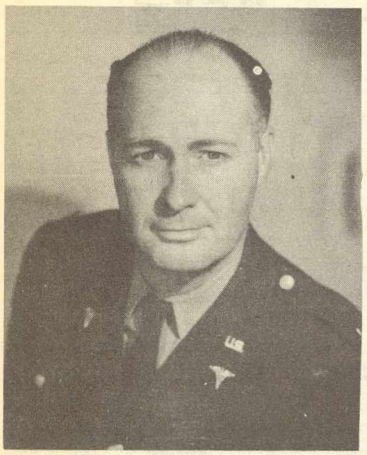
The term "Armed Forces Overseas" includes the personnel of the armed forces and also authorized United States civilians employed overseas who receive their mail through an APO or Fleet Post Office in care of the Postmaster at New York City or San Francisco, or an APO at Miami, New Orleans or Seattle.

Parcels destined for delivery in Japan, Korea and the islands of the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible. They should not exceed 70 pounds in weight or 100 inches in length and girth combined. Packing should be made in boxes of metal, wood or solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard tested at 200 pounds.

The various services point out that the personnel are amply provided with food and clothing and urge the public not to include those items in the gift parcels.

No Kicks, Just Quips Come from Wards K-1 and K-3

Wards K-1 and K-3 are two of Letterman's few "second - story" wards, and one of the patients remarked the other day "Maybe we're up here because we need work done on our upper story—above the neck, that is." Which is one way of saying that EENT (Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat)cases are treated on wards K-1 and K-3.



FRANCIS X. WEIXEL
Captain, MC
Assistant Ward Officer, K-1

Ward K-1 is under the Ophthalmology Section of EENT Service, and diseases of the eye are treated there. On Ward K-3, which is under Otolaryngology Section, ear, nose and throat ailments are treated. There are 24 beds on ward K-1 and 40 on K-3. Eight beds on K-3 are reserved for dental patients.

Annual admissions on ward K-1 total approimately 350; on ward K-3, 900. Due to the fact that a large number of the patients, such as those who have tonsillectomies, are in the hospital for only a few days, there is a high patient census on both wards.

The two wards are handled as a unit, with one ward officer for both wards and one charge nurse. However there is an assistant ward officer on each ward whose specialty is the type of case treated on that ward.

Captain Ralph N. Kraus, MC, assistant resident in Otolaryngology, is the ward officer. His picture and a story about him are on page 7 of this issue of the Fog Horn.

Captain Francis X. Weizel, MC, assistant resident in Ophthalmology, has been assistant ward officer on K-1 for several months. A native of New York City, Captain Weixel has his B. S. from Manhattan College, and his M. D. from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. After interning at St. Francis Hospital in New York, he came into the Army in July 1945, and was on ship duty for two years. During that time he made voyages on hospital ships and Troop transports to European and Caribbean ports. He was acting Port Surgeon at New Orleans for a time, and was briefly at Percy Jones General Hospital before coming to LGH last January as assistant resident.

He had asked for assignment to Letterman, and was surprised and pleased to find his request granted, and within ten days of the time it was submitted, too. As a result of his coming here, wedding bells are in the offing for Captain Weixel. He met his fiancee, First Lieut. Bernadine Wagener, ANC, since he came to duty here, and their wedding will take place on the post, in the Chapel of Our Lady, on 5 November.



JOHN J. McLOONE
Captain, MC
Assistant Ward Officer, K-3

Assistant ward officer on K-3 is Captain John J. McLoone, MC, assistant resident in Otolaryngology. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona, but his home is now in Santa Monica. He attended Notre Dame University, the University of Arizona, and received his M. D. from George Washington University Medical School. He interned at Los Angeles City Hospital, and after joining the Army in April 1946, he was stationed at Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park for a short time. He spent a year on overseas duty in Manila and Okinawa, and upon his return to the States last fall was stationed at Percy Jones General Hospital until he came to Letterman in January of this year. Captain McLoone is married, and he and his wife Lorraine are the parents of two sons, John, aged 4 and George, 3.

At present there are three on the nursing staff for wards K-1 and K-3. First Lieut. Anne B. Zunick, ANC, is charge nurse, and First Lieuts. Esther Anderson and Betty Miller work with her.

Blonde and blue-eyed, Lieut. Zunick is also the possessor of a dazzling smile guaranteed to send patient morale shooting up to new highs. She has been at Letterman since 1946, and was first a patient here before being assigned to duty. Anne is from Prescott, Arizona. She attended the University of Arizona for two years, then went to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix for nurse's training. She became an Army nurse in 1945, and served at DeWitt General Hospital and overseas in the Philippines with her sister Frances, who is also an Army nurse.



ANNE B. ZUNICK
First Lieut., ANC
Charge Nurse

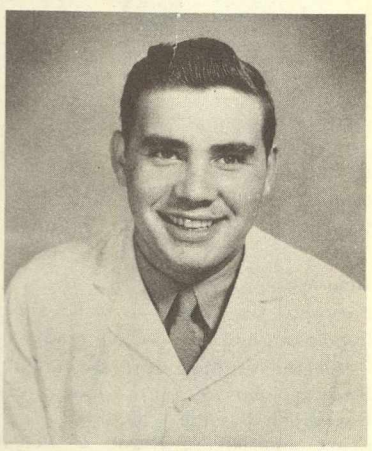
On a ward where old-timers are a rarity, Pfc. Jack Billings and Pfc. Billy Henson are close contestants for the title "longest on the ward." However, Billings has a slight edge, having arrived here 3 February 1948, while Hensen did not put in an appearance until 7 February.

Billings, who is from Manistee, Michigan, was injured in a jeep accident in Japan while on duty with the Air Force. Since he's been here he's enjoyed swimming in the Letterman pool, and has spent some of his leisure amusing himself at the "Y." He's also giving some thought to his future, and so far is undecided as to whether to go into his father's business or to return to school.

Billy Henson, on the other hand, is anything but undecided. As soon as he receives his discharge from the hospital, he's heading for a wedding. His fiancee is Miss Jo Kuehr of Palo Alto, and on her frequent visits to the hospital, discussions of wedding plans are tops in priority. Billy intends to study law at the University of California after he returns to civilian life. At present his duty station is the Presidio, where he is with the Veterinary Corps as meat and dairy inspector.

On ward K-1, Pvt. Jack H. McCain of Slaton, Texas, finds reading comic books a good way to pass the time, but he says he's thinking of going down to the O. T. shop one of these days and putting a new handle on his leather shaving kit. He was on duty in Japan and was injured last July when a staple flew off a box he was opening, and hit his eye. After hospitalization overseas, he came to Letterman this month for further treatment. Jack says he wants to stay in the Army if the operation on his eye is successful.

Sergeant Garrett Buttars of Logan, Utah, was home on a furlough from overseas duty in Berlin, and on his way back to Camp Stoneman last May he was in an automobile accident near Concord. He has been a patient on K-3 ever since, and still has a few months to go. He has put his time to good use in Occu-



DALE DRAKE
Corporal
Wardmaster

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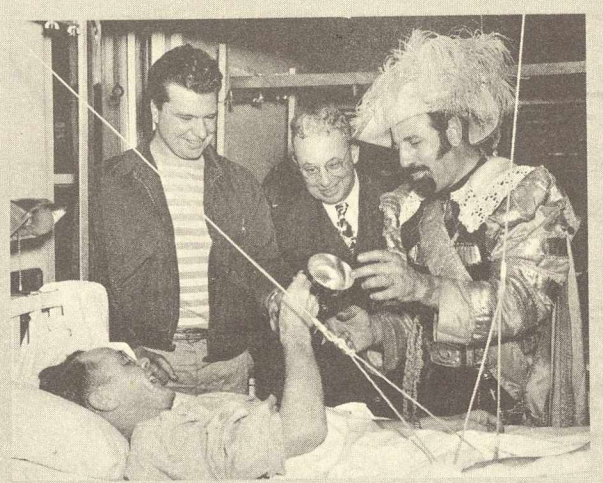
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, congratulates Captain Stephen G. May, MC, after pinning the twin silver bars on his shoulders.



SILVER BARS TO GOLD LEAVES
Major Ned H. Anderson, (center) receives the insignia of his new rank from Brig. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services (left), and Colonel Marhl H. Welch, Chief of Dental Service.



DON GASPAR DE PORTOLA
who brought the spirit of the Portola festival to Letterman Patients last week, presents the Anglers Club trophy to Pfc. James McCafferty, who earned it by catching a 28-lb. striped bass. L to R: Walter Haneberg, club president, Pfc. McCafferty, Mr. Joe Springer of Pacific Rod & Gun Club, Don Gaspar (Mike Desiano).



IT'S LIEUTENANT MARCY NOW
Pat Marcy of Occupational Therapy is sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Reserve Corps (WMS C) by First Lieut. Margaret A. Kimpton, chief of Military Personnel Branch.



BELT BUCKLES FOR BOWLERS
The Hospital Administration bowling team, who won top honors and belt-buckle trophies for the 1947-48 season. First row, L to R: First Lieut. Richard C. DiSalle, Cpl. Raymond Morin, Cpl. Joseph Vitali. Standing, L to R: Lieut. Col. Wm. L. Beswick, M-Sgt. Chas. Doze, Capt. Wayland G. Turner, Capt. Wm. H. Kilborn.

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EDITORIAL

VOTE TUESDAY

To say that next Tuesday, 2 November, is election day is to make a statement that is no news to anyone who reads it here. For many weeks now the national campaigns have been front-page news in the dailies, and as the day draws near, local and state issues are getting a measure of attention. It would seems that no one would need to be reminded to vote on Tuesday.

It would seem too that no one would willingly fail to vote. But the record of past elections provide a sorry commentary on the number of voters who do fail to put in an appearance at the polls.

In 1940 presidential election brought out a record-breaking vote of over 49 million, but the registration for that election was well over 60 million, and it was estimated by the Bureau of the Census that the potential voters numbered over 80 million. Of the many causes that may keep the voter from the polls, the main ones are said to be "simple indifference and inertia."

If obstacles to voting were placed in our way, we would complain bitterly, and perhaps even fight to cast our votes. But the way is easy and smooth, requiring only the tiny exertion of getting to our convenient polling places.

Put voting FIRST on your "must" list for Tuesday.



First Lieut. **Dorcas Barondes,** ANC, is looking forward to her forthcoming tour of overseas duty in Yokohama with mixed emotions. She likes the idea of going to Japan, but is sorry to miss the chance of spending Christmas with her two sons for the first time in several years. She is spending a few days pre-embarkation leave in Los Angeles with her son Lieut. Arthur Barondes, who is stationed at Hamilton Field. Her other son, Ensign **Earl Barondes,** is coming home soon from China to study for his master's and doctor's degrees at MIT, but his mother will leave for Japan before he arrives.

Captain **Loretta Bevins,** ANC, First Lieut. **Alice Bechtelheimer,** ANC, and First Lieut. **Mary Beane,** ANC, left this week to enjoy themselves on a last leave before taking off for duty in Yokohama.

It was suggested that the news about Letterman nurses be listed this week under the heading "General Exodus," since the "comings and goings" are mostly "goings" just now. First Lieut. **Alice Moffett** will be leaving tomorrow for station at Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, and First Lieut. **Opal Coffey** is currently on pre-embarkation leave prior to her overseas duty assignment in the European Command.

Miss **Mary Maher,** R.N., who has applied for commission in the Regular Army Nurse Corps, joined the civilian nursing staff at Letterman this week, and is on duty on ward H. Miss Maher is the niece of Lieut. Col. **Edna Maher,** ANC, retired, who was on duty at Letterman for several years. Colonel Maher now makes her home in San Francisco.

Lieut. **Hazel I. Snowden,** recuperating on ward "P" from her recent operation, was admitted into the Order of the Mystic Stitch with appropriate ceremonies this week.

WAC

The WAC detachment welcomed three newcomers this week, all from Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. The girls are Sergeant **Anne L. Benich,** Sergeant **Evelyn M. Meadows** and Corporal **Louis Ahacic.** Sergeant Benich has been assigned to duty in the Dental Annex; Sergeant Meadows in Out-Patient Srvice, and Corporal Ahacic in the Pre-Natal Clinic.

Corporal **Anna Drasher** returned to duty in the Brace Shop this week after her 30-day re-enlistment leave, which she spent in Pennsylvania.

First Lieut. **Frances Harllee** is enjoying a week's leave in Los Angeles, and if the weather there is as satisfactory as the brand we've been having, she picked the perfect time to go.

Back to duty after being on patient status for a time, Sergeant **Christine McConnell** was welcomed back to ward B-1 this week.

When Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** went to the Marina one day this week she intended to come back with a new coat, and she did. But she was suffering from a case of low sales resistance, and also brought a new suit back with her. She has asked her friends in the detachment not to let her go on shopping expeditions alone in the future—too rough on the budget.

The steak fry held last Friday at Polin Springs featured music as well as meat, and the 22 members of the detachment who attended had fun singing around the fire after they were replete with food. Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** sang two songs in German "Auf Wiedersehn" and "Lili Marlene." To Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher** and Sergeant **"Tommie"** Jones goes the credit for building the fire and getting everything in readiness for the steak fry.

Corporal **Henrietta Zuzga,** sitting on the front porch of the hospital patting a friendly cocker spaniel ensconced on her lap, said the pup wasn't hers, but she looked as though she wouldn't mind being the owner.

Corporal **Ethel Stepp** spent a three-day pass this week visiting friends here in San Francisco.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 31, October, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Monday—All Saints Day—
Masses 0600 - 0800 - 1215

Tuesday—All Souls Day
Masses 0800 and 1215

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Octogenarian

Colonel Euclid B. Frick, United States Army, retired, who passed his 81st milestone in life this spring, was a Letterman visitor this week.

Colonel Frick has more than a normal interest in Letterman for the reason that he was the commanding officer here from 1913 to 1914. After his retirement in 1919 he was appointed Superintendent of the San Francisco County Hospital where he served for six years.

For many years the colonel made his home at Los Altos but recently moved to Palo Alto which brings him so much nearer to Letterman.

The Eyes of Texas Are Upon Him

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, retired, former commanding general of Letterman, has been appointed Director of the Hospital Survey and Construction Division of the Texas State Department of Health with offices at Austin, Texas.

In his new assignment General Winn will supervise the implementation of Public Law 725 of the 79th Congress which provides funds to be contributed by the Federal Government for the purpose of providing adequate hospital facilities in the several states.

General and Mrs. Winn are making their home in Austin but still think lovingly of Letterman.

The best security anyone can have is to do good work. No one can speak so well as a job well done.—**John Glossinger.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



BERTHA MESSINGER
Corporal

Although she has never been stationed at Letterman, Corporal Bertha "Bert" Messinger has been a patient here on two occasions, and says she feels "like a Letterman veteran." She has just returned to duty with Sixth Army at the Presidio, and is glad she isn't going far, so she won't have to say goodbye to the many friends she made here.

Bert was born in Philadephia, and before she was in the Army she worked there as a bookkeeper for Universal Film Exchange. She joined the WAC in February 1945. She went to Fort Ogelthorpe for basic training, then was stationed for a few months at Woodrow Wilson General Hospital in Staunton, Va., in the Finance Office.

A similar assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington, was next. During the 18 months she was on duty there, Bert took full advantage of every opportunity to indulge her love for travel, and not only explored the state of Washington, but also visited Canada, going to Victoria, Vancouver, Banff and Lake Louise.

She came to duty at the Presidio in November 1946, and six months later became ill and was sent to Letterman as a patient. Shortly after she returned to duty status, and just as she was about to leave on an extended vacation furlough, she again became ill and came back to Letterman.

Since she was ambulatory during her last stay here, Bert was able to take advantage of many of the on- and off-post activities for patients. She did leathercraft and made jewelry in the O.T. Shop, attended the opera and concerts, took piano lessons, and was an active member of the Barbecue Club.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pvt. **Frank Roman** was on duty in Japan with the 583rd Engineers when he was injured in an accident, as a result of which his head and body are in a cast. He arrived at Letterman last week by air, and is now on ward E-2.

The patients on ward 31 suggest we have a contest: Complete this sentence in five words or less—"I like the PX because . . ."

Entries to be judged for veracity and perspicacity.

Pfc. **Alphonso Janisewski** of ward K-13 gets a vote of thanks from Mrs. **Alberta 'Mom" Huber,** who teaches leatherwork at the Presidio YMCA. Al is an expert at leatherwork, and Mom says he's been very faithful about coming over on Tuesday nights to help her give instructions in the craft.

Lieut. **Robert Trask,** patient on ward D-2, has been studying Russian, and was rather dismayed to learn that the language has three forms for each gender—three masculine, three feminine and three neuter. Came the time for him to take a test, and he reports that he had a "slight mix-up with genders." He's not defeated, though, he's determined to master the language.

It seems that Pvt. **Alvah Payne** of ward E-2 finally completed the leather link belt he has been working on for about three months, and was proudly displaying it on the ward. The first person who picked it up to examine it was embarrassed to find that the belt snapped in two in her hands. Alvah is now engaged in a reconstruction project, says he's determined that this time he'll work fast and not dally over the task as he did last time.

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club held an exhibit of their collections at Miss Burke's School here in San Francisco yesterday evening.

Pfc. **Gaylord Wagner,** who is a patient on ward 42, may capture the title of LGH champion rug-maker. He has completed work on a number of rugs, both of the hooked variety and those woven on the loom.

Members of Letterman's Hill-Billy band received compliments and many thanks from the YMCA personnel when they played for the "Y" Circus Dance recently.

Sergeant **Fred E. Butler,** patient on ward E-2, who was injured in an accident in Oakland after his return from oveseas duty in Guam, is from Gary, Indiana, but hasn't seen his home for three years. He was passing time the other day with a book he says he finds very absorbing—Walter White's autobiography, "A Man Called White."

First Lieut. **Tex Lear** of Kansas City, Missouri, who is a patient on ward K-1, recently became the proud owner of a '48 Dodge.

Captain **Kazmier A. Jeffers,** ANC, of ward M-2 has been working in ceramics in Occupational Therapy and has modeled a clay plaque of her husband's head. She has made a mold, and intends to complete a number of reproductions of the piece. It was suggested to her in the O. T. Shop that if she made enough she could cover the whole wall with the heads. After all, repetitive patterns are high fashion in interior decoration now.

The Anglers' Club trophies were awarded recently in the "big fish" class, and last week when **Don Gaspar de Portola,** alias **Mike Desiano,** visited Letterman patients, he presented Pfc. **James McCafferty** of ward C-2 with the cup he earned for catching the biggest striped bass (28 pounds). McCafferty came to ward E-2 for the presentation, so club president **Walter Haneberg,** who is a patient there, could be on hand to congratulate him. Mr. **Joe Springer,** of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club, the Red Cross sponsor for the Anglers' Club, was also there when the cup was presented. **Harry Dryden,** who was a patient on ward 42, received the cup for the biggest salmon, and it was given to him by Miss **Peg Russell,** club co-ordinator, just before he was discharged from the hospital last week. Size of salmon, 24 pounds, 6 ounces.

Rct. **H. L. Grosdidier,** patient on ward 3, supplemented his hospital blues one day this week with a silk shirt he acquired in Japan. Bright-red, with white sleeves, and an impressive dragon embroidered on the back, the shirt was described by one admirer as "beautiful but ghastly." To this remark Grosdidier replied calmly that he paid a lot of yen for it because he had a yen for it.

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM C. FARMER
Sergeant First Class

During nearly 20 years in the Army Sergeant First Class William C. Farmer, first sergeant of Letterman's 358th Army Band, has served in Hawaii and at posts in eight States, with repeats on several of the latter.

Sergeant Farmer was born in Stationburg, North Carolina. Before he joined the Army in 1920 he worked as an automobile mechanic in his home town. His first Army station was Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was assigned to the 5th Field Artillery Band. After four years at that station he went to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii for a two-year tour of duty with the 13th Field Artillery Band. His next move was back to Fort Bragg, where he played with the 17th F. A. Band for the next eight years, after which he returned to civilian life.

He served with the North Carolina National Guard, and returned to the Regular Army when his National Guard outfit was called to active duty in 1940. He served at Camp Gruber, Arkansas, and later at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he trained for combat infantry with the 42nd Division.

Assignments at Bushnell, DeWitt and Beaumont General Hospitals followed, as well as one at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Sergeant Farmer came to LGH in October 1946. He plays baritone horn in the band.

He and his wife Helen are the parents of a ten-year-old son, William Calvin. William wants to be in the Army band some day, but in the meantime he is studying violin, and has already made a transition from "Bach to boogie" on that instrument.

Sergeant Farmer's favorite pastimes, in addition to music, of course, are reading and bowling.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Frances Farruggia, PX cafeteria, has returned to work with glowing tales of her recent vacation trip to Mexico. She said she was on the go every minute and had a super time, but claims the weather was too hot. Another "south of the border" visitor was **Ted Cox,** Orthopedic Shop, who came back with the news that he is now the proud grandfather of a baby girl. His wife journeyed back to Cleveland, Ohio, to be with their daughter and greet the new arrival.

Gus Tevis, Occupational Therapy Shop, is showing the sights of San Francisco to his daughter, **Mrs. Ruth O'Brinar,** of Texas, who is visiting in San Francisco for one week before leaving for Pearl Harbor to join her Navy husband at his station.

Ned Harrison, LGH gardener, will complete ten years service at Letterman on 1 November.

Diane Carter, Occupational Therapy Shop, returned recently from three weeks vacation spent at Walnut Creek.

Jerry Ivory, Letterman Post Exchange, and her husband, **Tom,** who is manager of the East Hospital PX branch, will spend their two weeks vacation at home. They plan to give the house a thorough cleaning.

Irene Torok, Eye Clinic, gave a sigh of relief when the Portola Festival came to a close because she saw almost every parade held and her feet were beginning to complain.

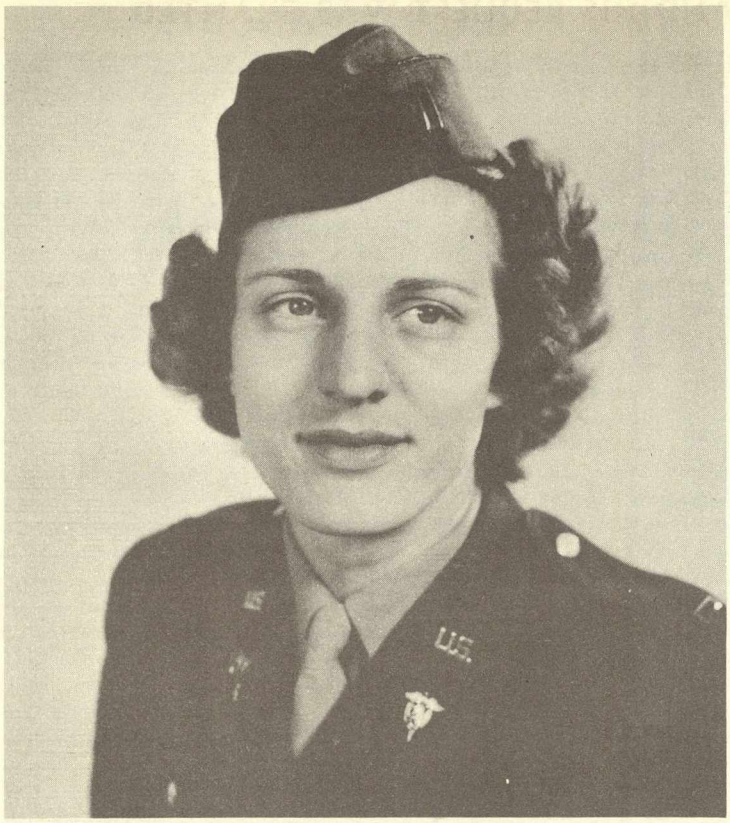
Leonne Brennan, Dental Clinic, reports via postcards that she is having a wonderful time and that she attended the Ice Follies in Chicago. Leonne will return to her duties on Monday.

Helen Hoffman, formerly of Special Services, revealed to friends that she is expecting a visit from the stork.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to **Virginia DeTrana,** Out Patient Service, whose brother-in-law passed away recently in Chicago

In an absent-minded moment, **Myrtle Kirby** of the Library staff dialed her own phone number, but she insists it wasn't done on purpose—she wasn't trying to talk back to herself. In the library Myrtle is known as "Wickie," but since the episode of the misdialed number there is some talk of changing her nickname to "Wacky." Of course she ignores this kind of talk.

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WISHING ON A WISHBONE CAN ACCOMPLISH



First Lieut.. MARY FRANCES BECK, WMSC
New head of Diversional Section, Occupational Therapy.

Maybe it was thanks to the gold pin in the shape of a wishbone that she wears on her coat that First Lieut. Mary Frances Beck, WMSC, came to Letterman. She requested assignment here—her request was granted, so who's to say that the lucky wishbone didn't play a part in the matter? Lieutenant Beck arrived last week, and is the new head of the diversional section of the Occupational Therapy Shop. Although she worked for the Army as a civilian occupational therapist during the war, Letterman is her first station since she received her commission in the Regular Army.

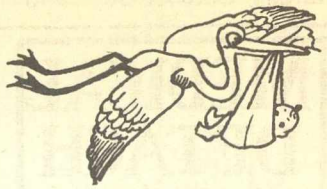
Lieutenant Beck was born in Davenport, Iowa. She had a strong interest in art, and majored in that subject at the University of Iowa, where she received her B.A. After her graduation, she taught physical education and art in Davenport schools.

During the war, when the Army offered training courses in Occopational Therapy, Lieutenant Beck became interested in that field of work, and took the Army-sponsored course at the University of Southern California. Part of her training period during the course was spent at Hammond General Hospital in Modesto. After she became a registered occupational therapist, she worked for the Army at McCaw General Hospital, in Walla Walla, Washington, until that hospital closed.

The following year she taught occupational therapy at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. When the Women's Medical Specialist Corps came into being, Lieutenant Beck decided to apply for a commission in the Regular Army, and she asked to be assigned to LGH. "I've liked San Francisco ever since I worked at Hammond General and used to come here for weekends," she says. In her leisure time she enjoys camping, hiking and tennis, and all these are within easy reach on practically a year-round basis here.

She has plans for a small "art corner" in the O. T. Shop, where patients can work in water color, oil and other media of the artist. They will be instructed by Lieutenant Beck and by the volunteer Red Cross Arts and Skills workers.

Just now the search for an apartment has high priority on her list of "Things To Do," but she's hoping she can cross it off as "accomplished" before too long. Maybe the gold wishbone will take care of that, too.



To Captain and Mrs. Charles Daniel Thibault, a boy, **Charles Andrew,** born 12 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ronald P. DeCato, a girl, **Gale Sharon,** born 13 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert C. Recek, a girl, **Gloria Gay,** born 13 October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Chester H. Cottrell, a boy, **Lee Patrick,** born 14 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Gerald R. Danks, a girl, **Dianna Lynn,** born 14 October.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Elbert V. Stark, a boy, **Frankie Eugene,** born 14 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert C. Recek, a girl, **Gloria Gay,** born 13 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Carl L. Renshaw, a boy, **Craig Louis,** born 15 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Caldwell S. Holmes, a girl, **Judith Lynn,** born 16 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Edward Braun, a boy, born 17 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph S. Blocher, a boy, **James Allen,** born 17 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert L. Brasel, a girl, **Carla Roberta,** born 17 October.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Orgett Higginbotham, a girl **Cathy Nell,** born 17 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Stanley Leo Kedzior, a boy, **Anthony Thomas,** born 18 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Armin F. Herold, Jr., a boy, **Robert Russell,** born 18 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. J. E. Holmes, a boy, **James Everett,** born 18 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Daniel Q. Tabisaura, a boy, **Daniel Q.,** Jr., born 19 October.

MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal **Anthony Gacioch** of Physical Medicine Service left this week for a 30-day leave, part of which he will spend in his home town, Middletown, Connecticut. Part of his leave will be a honeymoon, for he plans to get married while he's away. Upon completion of his leave he will report to Camp Kilmer for overseas duty in Germany.

Corporal **George D. Adams** was sadly bemoaning the fact that it would cost him over $300 to put a new motor in his Chevrolet. He did have plans for a complete overhaul job, but after figuring what the total cost would be, he thinks it might be cheaper to trade the car in on a new model. George leaves Monday on a 30-day re-enlistment leave, and he and his wife intend to drive all the way to Florida. Here's hoping the Chevrolet does right by its passengers and makes a round trip.

Friends of Pvt. **Samuel Barrera** have made up new words for a popular song just for his sake. The new words begin "La Roo La Roo Sarah Barrera." Sam takes a dim view of both words and music now.

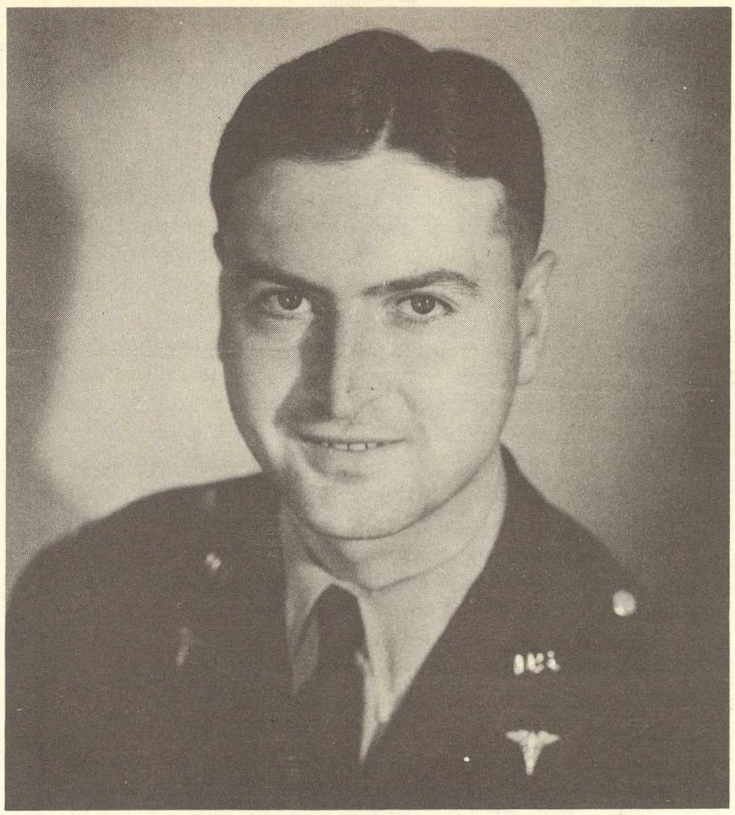
The Girls' Service Organization, the group of hostesses at the Presidio YMCA, now has its one and only male member. This privileged individual is Pfc. **Jim Mayes,** known as the "Singer of Cowboy Songs," who holds a bona fide membership card and pin for the GSO. On the records, Jim's name appears as "Prunella." Jim says it may have been his singing that won his membership for him.

When you carefullly cultivate a mustache in the hope that it will make you look older, it's a little disconcerting to find that you've aged faster than you planned. So it was with Corporal **E. William Sans,** who was mistaken for his mother's husband last week in Sacramento. His mother was pleased with the compliment, but Sans felt that life was whizzing by all too fast, and he promptly became "The Man Without a Mustache."

Husband: "It's strange, but the biggest idiots seem to marry the prettiest girls."

Better Half: "Now you're trying to flatter me."

HE ASKED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO LGH, AND HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED



Captain RALPH N. KRAUS, MC
Ward Officer for Wards K-1 and K-3

Captain Ralph N. Kraus, MC, who is at Letterman as an assistant resident in Otolaryngology, is at present the ward office for wards K-1 and K-3. Captain Kraus became interested in Ear, Nose and Throat work when he was an interne, and he spent as much time as possible studying this type of case when making ward rounds and assisting in surgery. He says he considers himself fortunate to have been given ENT assignments on his various tours of duty since he entered the Army.

He was born in Farley, Iowa, and is a graduate of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. He studied medicine at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, and has his M.D. from there. His year of interneship was spent at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

After joining the Army in July 1946, Captain Kraus was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver. He remained there for six weeks, during which he was on the ENT service. The next two months were spent in basic training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, at the Army Medical Department School. Upon completion of this training Captain Kraus was assigned to duty at the Station Hospital at Hamilton Field, and was in the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic there until January of this year. At that time he came to Letterman.

He received his appointment in the Regular Army in November 1947, and then applied for residency training, naming Letterman as his first choice for assignment. As assistant resident in Otolaryngology, he has rotated on various ENT assignments, including ENT Clinic, on the wards of that service and in surgery. He attends the weekly evening classes at the University of California that are a part of the residency training program.

Captain Kraus and his family live on the post. He and his wife Elizabeth have three children: Kay, who is four years old; Leo, three; and Judith, now three months old. When he has time Captain Kraus plays golf, and he also enjoys swimming and fishing.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

All the Hospital Train personnel are now back in Crissy Annex, but a glance at the Special Orders each day tells us that a good portion of them are going out again soon to Veterans' Hospitals.

Master Sergeant **Frank O'Connor** and Sergeant **Worth J. Smith** will leave next month for Roanoke, Virginia. Sergeant Smith will go on from there and stay with friends in Richmond for a few days.

Corporal **Emilio Abeyta** is either coming or going every time we see him. He left with a patient Thursday for a Veterans' Hospital in Los Angeles. Upon his return from there he will go with another patient to Richmond, Virginia. Sergeant First Class **Warren Kernop** is going out with him and on his return trip he will stop off in Alabama to visit his wife and family.

At last Pfc. **James McElreath** is getting his trip East. Three times he has had something happen to him so that he had to be taken off a trip. He is now on orders to accompany a patient to Coatesville, Pa., and upon his return he will drop off at Omaha, Nebr., and spend five days there with friends.

Master Sergeant **George Washburn** came back from Texas last Monday with the good news that they have struck oil on his mother's property.

Master Sergeant **Sol Allen** took himself a three-day pass this week to clean up some unfinished business in Richmond. In his absence the Transportation Office was ably supervised by Sergeant First Class **Melvin Drasher.** Upon Mel's return recently from a trip to Utah, he made a strong statement to the effect that he never wants to see that state again, especially the part he visited—150 miles from anything that resmbled a town.

Sergant First Class **James Kane** left us this week and will report to the New York Port of Embarkation. No, he is not going overseas—he will be working in the Army railroad yards at Brooklyn. With his many years of railroad experience he should do an A-1 job.

MORE ABOUT NO KICKS, NO QUIPS

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pational Therapy, making lamps and doing leatherwork. Although he's been in the Army for six years, he intends to return to civilian life, and go to work on his father's farm.

Pfc. Fletcher Hicklen has been a patient here only a few days, and already he is a willing helper in the ward office. His home is in Birmingham, Alabama, and he has been on duty in Guam. He is here for a cataract operation. Found strumming the piano in the ward dayroom, he said he couldn't really play but was anxious to learn. Now that he knows that piano lessons are available at Letterman, he intends to take advantage of them.

Master Sergeant Vernon Brown and Corporal Elton Odum are the champion crossword puzzle solvers of K-3. They brood and they mutter in one corner of the ward, and complain bitterly that certain words in the puzzles are "not even in the dictionary," but in the end they always "get that word." Brown has constructed puzzles as well as solved them, so he has a suspicious nature as regards some of those peculiar words used to fill up small spaces.

Sergeant Thomas L. Willoughby of K-3 is a possible recruit for the LGH Hill-Billy band, it would seem. Not only does he play guitar, he also writes hill-billy songs. His home is in Merced, California, and he's anxious to get back to his wife and two young sons.

Pfc. Alphonso Janisewski remarks sadly on his reason for being on K-3. "Ran into a blackjack," he says regretfully. During three years in the Navy and two in the Army, Al has accumulated a number of interests outside his work. He does leatherwork expertly, has written some poems and a novel of fantasy, has studied fingerprinting, ballistics and criminology. He is now about to start on hypnotism, and is looking about for a likely victim for his hypnotic eye.

Included in the ward personnel of K-1 and K-3 are the wardmaster, Corporal Dale Drake, and three ward attendants—Pfc. Harold Gamble, Pvt. August Murray and Pvt. Tony Rosinski. Corporal Drake, who is from Brush, Colorado, has been in the Army since April 1947, and with the exception of two months spent at Fort Ord, has been at Letterman ever since.

Fellowship Pledge

RECOGNIZING that the American College of Surgeons seeks to develop, exemplify, and enforce the highest traditions of our calling, I hereby pledge myself, as a condition of Fellowship in the College, to live in strict accordance with all its principles, declarations, and regulations. ✲ ✲ In particular, I pledge myself to pursue the practice of surgery with thorough self-restraint and to place the welfare of my patients above all else; to advance constantly in knowledge by the study of surgical literature, the instruction of eminent teachers, interchange of opinion among associates, and attendance on the important societies and clinics; to regard scrupulously the interests of my professional brothers and seek their counsel when in doubt of my own judgment; to render willing help to my colleagues and to give freely my services to the needy. ✲ ✲ Moreover, I pledge myself, so far as I am able, to avoid the sins of selfishness; to shun unwarranted publicity, dishonest money-seeking, and commercialism as disgraceful to our profession; to refuse utterly all money trades with consultants, practitioners, makers of surgical appliances and optical instruments, or others; to teach the patient his financial duty to the physician and to expect the practitioner to obtain his compensation directly from the patient; to make my fees commensurate with the service rendered and with the patient's rights; and to avoid discrediting my associates by taking unwarranted compensation. ✲ ✲ Finally, I pledge myself to co-operate in advancing and extending, by every lawful means within my power, the influence of the American College of Surgeons.

Pledge taken by initiates in the American College of Surgeons.

Women Doctors Eligible For Naval Commissions

Washington (AFPS)—For the first time in its history, women doctors may now be commissioned in the Medical Corps of the Regular Navy.

Under the Navy's interne program young women who are qualified graduates of medical schools may be appointed Lieutenants (Junior Grade) in the Medical Corps of the Naval Reserve.

Successful applicants are then ordered to duty for a 12-month interneship in a Naval hospital following their Reserve appointment. On completion of eight months' training, these officers will be qualified to take the professional examination for appointments in the Regular Navy to fill existing vacancies.

An additional procurement program open to certain women doctors leading to direct commissions in the Regular Navy will be initiated at a later date.

Took Back 'Chute That Didn't Work

Eglin Proving Ground, Fla. (AFPS)—All the nations of the world provide their airborne troops with parachutes—but only in America do we provide our jumpers with two chutes—just in case.

This added "ounce of prevention" paid off recently when a private in the 505th Parachute Bn., of the 82nd Airborne Division, making the eighth jump of his career, "went over the side" of a Fairchild C-82 at 800 feet, pulled the rip-cord and—guess what? You're right. His chute failed to open.

Nothing daunted as he plummeted toward Mother Earth in a free fall of 700 feet, he grasped his white emergency chute. It fluttered open—50 feet from the ground. Result, he landed with a jolt but unhurt.

Interviewed by the press shortly after landing, the Paratrooper said . . . "Pheeeew!"

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration spends millions of dollars each year trying to establish the identity of veterans who write the 10,000 "mystery letters" received by the VA every day.

"Mystery letters" are those in which the veteran fails to include sufficient information to identify himself among the 24,000,000 persons whose names are in VA's master index file.

The VA receivees 125,000,000 letters a year and many of them are simply signed "John Smith." There happens to be 217,000 Smiths in the VA files and 12,500 of them are named John. There are also 170,000 Johnsons and 110,000 Millers.

In order for "John Smith" to become an individual to the Veterans Administration he should use the serial number assigned him while in the armed services and in addition his VA claim or insurance number if he has one.

A veteran who wishes fast action on his letter to the Veterans Administration should include his full name and address, date of birth, service serial number, branch of service and VA claim or insurance number.

The letter which does not contain the claim or insurance number must go to the master index file where the identity of the writer is established through his serial number. This results in delay in answering the letter.

The real "tax-eaters" are the letters which contain only a signature and VA has received thousands of them. Many contained cash for payment of insurance premiums. The letter and envelope contain nothing to identify the writer but the signature.

In these cases the postmark is cross-checked and VA's handwriting and fingerprint experts go to work. VA employes may spend hours trying to establish the identity of the writer. In some cases the identities of the "mystery letter" writers are never solved.

Question: I wish to purchase an automobile house trailer that I can use during my vacation. Will Veterans Administration guarantee a loan for the purpose?

Answer: No. Loans for pleasure purposes cannot be guaranteed or insured by Veterans Administration.

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Third Army Named For Territorial Command Test

(AFPS)—In an effort to determine how to bring about decentralization, permitting the Armies to function with a minimum of direction from the Department of the Army, a project known as the Territorial Command Test has been inaugurated in the Third Army area under the command of Lieutenant General A. C. Gillem.

The experiment will continue for six months and during that period virtually all Quartermaster, Transportation, Ordinance, Medical, Chemical, Engineer, Signal, Finance, AGO, Special Services and Army Field Force installations in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida will be under the command of the Chiefs of the respective Army administrative and technical services so that all activities within the area will be coordinated under one command.

The Army decentralization plan is contemplated for use in the event of a major relocation of the National Defense Establishment or in the face of unexpected emergencies.

The experiment is an expansion of what was done during the war for the Service Forces of the Army and Air Force when nine Service Commands were organized within the continental limits and all services were united under the command of the general officer heading up the individual Service Command.

After the cessation of hostilities the Service Commands were inactivated and the technical services reverted to the command of their respective chiefs and activities in the field designated as Class II Installations.



Armistice Day

Thirty years ago today the "Cease Fire" command ended World War 1. And on that day we honored those who had fallen in the service of our country. Today, added to that honor roll are those who gave their lives in the second great world conflict. It is not enough this Armistice Day to honor the brave dead of two wars by bowing our heads in prayer. Only by each of us working assiduously to prevent another war—working to build an everlasting Peace—can we pay them deserving tribute.

30th Anniversary Of Armistice Day To Be Marked Here

The thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the armistice which brought World War I to an end will be commemorated on Thursday with ceremonies befitting the occasion. The keynote of the speeches to be delivered around the nation will be that of the maintenance of peace by whatever means are necessary to achieve that end.

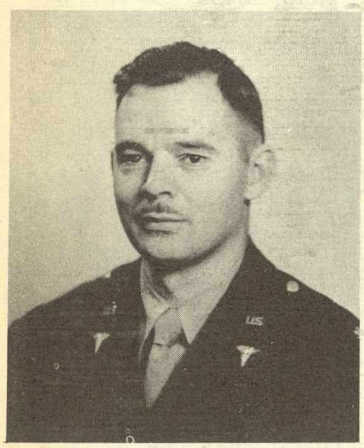
The local commemoration will open at the Presidio Post Chapel on Sunday when the members of the Marina Post 348 and George Washington Post 114 of the American Legion will attend the Morning Worship hours. The address of welcome to the legionnaires will be made by Brigadier General Garrison H. Davidson, Chief of Staff for the 6th Army, and the sermon will be delivered by Chaplain Charles E. Brown, assistant 6th Army chaplain. The services will start at 1045.

On Armistice Day the annual Memorial Mass will be offered in the National Cemetery under the auspices of Zane Irwin Post of the American Legion. The celebrant of the Mass will be Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. Ryan, who is the 6th Army Chaplain. He will be assisted by the Rev. Robert Essig, former chaplain with the 5th Army in Italy, and the Rev. Clement McKenna, former chaplain with the Air Forces in Burma. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Thomas Hayes, former chaplain with the forces in Alaska. The services will start at 10:30 and in the event of inclement weather the program will be transferred to the Presidio Post Chapel.

At a patriotic parade to be held in San Jose on Thursday a detachment of men with armored cars from the Presidio command will participate.

Physical Medicine Service Activities are Threefold

We like to believe that Letterman is right up to the minute with everything that pertains to the care and cure of our patients and one of the most recent developments in that field is to be found in action here. We refer to our Physical Medicine Service and it covers the varied activities embraced in the overall scope of the field. You will not find



LEO J. BUTLER
Lieut. Col., MC
Chief, Physical Medicine.

it in any one place and one might say it pervades the hospital.

During the war years we became familiar with alphabetical abbreviations to designate certain units and Physical Medicine takes after that pattern, with P. T., O. T. and P. R. as the brief forms for naming the sections of the division. Spelled out, "P. T." means Physical Therapy; "O. T." means Occupational Therapy; "P. R." means Physical Reconditioning.

Patients from nearly every one of Letterman's wards receive treatment on the Physical Medicine Service, and a close liaison is maintained between the personnel of Physical Medicine and the other professional services of the hospital.

Physical Medicine Service was established at Letterman and in other Army hospitals nearly two years ago, in January 1947. Lieut. Col. Leo J. Butler, MC, chief of the service here, points out that physical medicine has been developing as a specialty over a number of years. There have been physicians who limited their practice of medicine to physical agents since before the turn of the century, prominent among them being Dr. Simon Baruch, father of Bernard Baruch. As a result of his father's interest in the possibilities of physical medicine, Bernard Baruch gave over a million dollars to establish fellowships and encourage the adoption of physical medicine as a distinct specialty. Army impetus in the physical medicine field came from Colonel Howard Rusk, MC, then in the Office of The Air Surgeon. Major General Norman T. Kirk, then Surgeon General of the Army, was instrumental in introducing the specialty as a service in Army general hospitals. Colonel Butler, before taking over as chief of the service here, studied physical medicine at Mayor clinic under a Baruch fellowship.

In June 1947 the Council on Medi-



JAMES G. LONG
Major, MSC
Chief, Physical Reconditioning.

cal Specialties of the American Medical Association established the Board of Physical Medicine as a specialty board.

The Army directive authorizing the establishment of the service states that "Physical Medicine includes the coordinated and integrated employment of physical therapy, occupational therapy and physical reconditioning in the professional management of the sick and wounded. This method of treatment has achieved its present standing because of the beneficial results obtained by its use in definitive medical care and in shortening the period of convalescence.

"The mission of the Physical Medicine Service is to carry out scientifically and efficiently the utilization of these therapeutic adjuncts aimed toward improved care and more rapid convalescence, with an end result of fewer man-days in the hospital."

Approximately 2000 patient treatments are given here each month on the service. During a recent month the treatments were divided between the sections as follows: Physical Therapy, 415; Occupational Therapy, 970; Physical Reconditioning, 576. Personnel of each section give treatments on the wards as well as in the section itself.

In the Physical Therapy Section various physical agents are used for therapeutic purposes, including hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, massage and exercise. Nine physical therapists, commissioned in the Womens' Medical Specialist Corps, are on duty in this section.

Occupational Therapy Section has three divisions: Functional, Neuro-Psychiatric and Diversional. In the functional shop, activity is directed to exercise which will be beneficial to the patients' injured or weakened members, and a variety of implements are employed. These include both hand- and foot-powered tools



VIDA BUEHLER
Captain, WMSC
Chief, Physical Therapy

—saws, planes, grinders, looms, the printing press, and the potters' wheel, the latter used in making ceramics. In all of the O. T. activities the patient's interest is maintained not only because he is making progress toward complete recovery, but also because he is making or doing something which gives him pleasure and satisfaction in the knowledge of accomplishment. The Neuro-Psychiatric division, on ward S-1, constitutes an adjunct to the care of psychiatric patients, and various craft activities are employed.

The diversional section is open to all patients of the hospital who wish to make use of the opportunity to learn a new hobby or pursue one already established. The skills taught include jewelry and metalwork, ceramics, carpentry, leatherwork, weaving, knotting, fly-tying and photography. Fourteen occupational therapists are on duty in the three divisions of the O. T. Section.

Physical Reconditioning Section, which includes the gymnasium, the swimming pool and the bowling alley, has two main types of activities. The first covers the exercises given to patients confined to their beds; the second is the remedial program at the gym, pool and bowling alley for ambulatory patients. Occasionally the latter includes outdoor activities such as golf and archery. Sixteen physical instructors are assigned to this section, all enlisted duty personnel with the exception of one. Master Sergeant Carus Hicks is NCO in charge of this group.

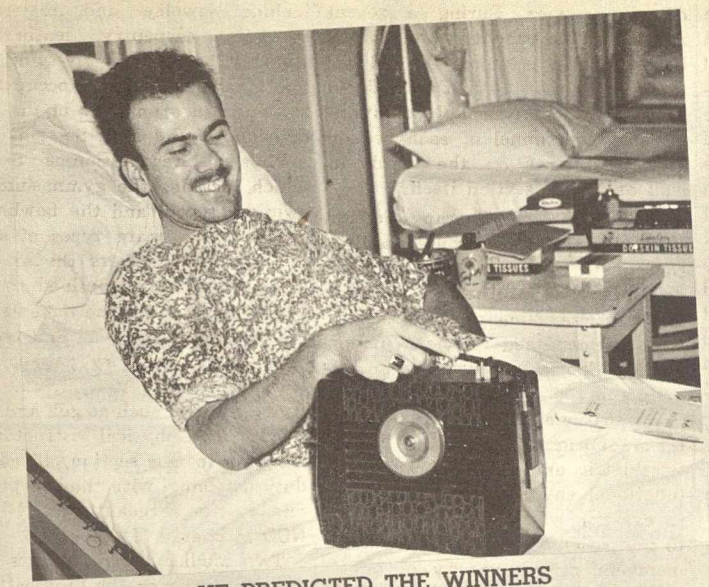
Two Medical Corps officers assist Colonel Butler on the Physical Medicine Service: Captain Ernest F. Adams and Captain James D. Amos. Major James G. Long, MSC, is Chief of Physical Reconditioning Section and Captain H. C. Bailey, MSC, is assistant chief. Captain Vida Buehler, WMSC, is chief of Physical Therapy, and Captain Ada Marie Bowers, WMSC, is chief of Occupational



ADA MARIE BOWERS
Captain, WMSC
Chief, Occupational Therapy

Therapy. At present Dr. William H. Northway, assistant dean and Professor of Physical Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine is the only civilian consultant for the Service, but it is expected that by the first of the year Dr. Leonard O. Huddleston will also be on the attending staff. Dr. Huddleston is president of the American Board of Physical Medicine and director of Kabat-Kaiser Institute, Vallejo.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



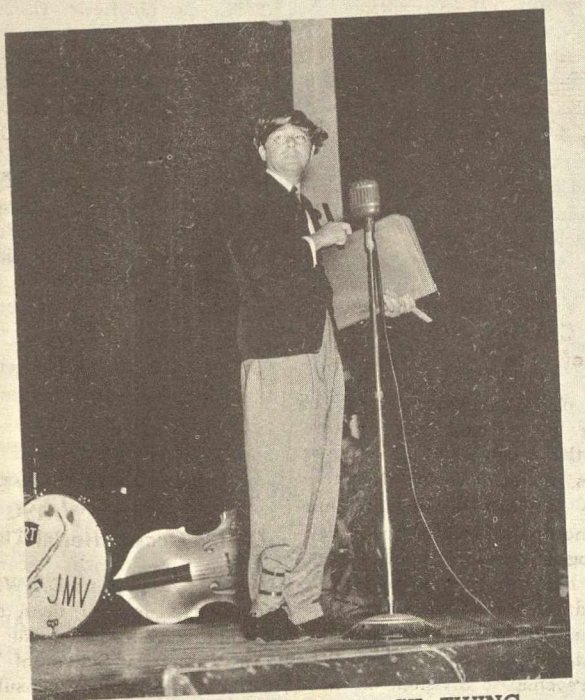
HE PREDICTED THE WINNERS

Philip Trine, veteran, patient on ward E-2, sent in his predictions on the football games to the Ira Blue sportscast program and was top winner for the Bay Area last week, with 34 correct out of a possible 36, highest score ever made on the program. For his achievement he got this radio from the sponsor, the Long Company.



COLLABORATION ON PROMOTION

It's now Major Douglas E. Ramsey, MC, of the Orthopedic Service, and the proof is this picture of Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general (left) and Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, chief of Orthopedic Service (right), replacing his silver bars with gold leaves.



PAT PATRICK, ALIAS ERCIL TWING

The meek-voiced character of the Bergen - McCarthy show looks the situation over at the Recreation Hall before going into his act.



JACK McVEGH AND HIS BAND

Provided plenty of laughs for the patients when they put on a show recently at the Recreation Hall.

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EDITORIAL

HUMAN FREEDOM

"Today's challenge to freedom and to every free institution is such that none of us dares stand alone. For human freedom today is threatened by regimented statism." These words are from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's address upon the occasion of his recent installation as 13th President of Columbia University.

When he formally took command of the post he has held since last June, he pledged that the 194-year-old institution would do all in its power to help Americans meet the threat from "regimented statism."

"Men of wide divergent views in our country live in peace together because they share certain common aspirations which are more important to them than their differences. But democracy and the police state have no common purposes, methods or aspirations."

General Eisenhower pointed out that in today's struggle no free men, no free institution can be neutral; all men must join in a common profession—that of democratic citizenship.

His words deserve the thoughtful consideration of every citizen.



Major **Bessie V. Fullbright,** ANC, was welcomed to Letterman this week when she arrived for station here. She has recently returned from overseas, where she served in the Philippines, and here at LGH she will be on duty in the office of the Chief Nurse.

First Lieut. **Lucile Penland,** ANC, who in private life is Mrs. **Anthony Guassadro,** was separated from the service this week and is returning to civilian life. Her husband is a Letterman patient.

The military side of the Occupational Therapy staff welcomed another newcomer this week when 2d Lieut.. **Elizabeth Sargent,** WMSC arrived from San Antonio, Texas, where she has just completed the basic training course given at Brooke Army Medical Center. People who hear Lieut. Sargent's name for the first time sometimes do a double take, and say "Well, is she a lieutenant or is she a sergeant?" But think of how things would have gone if she had ever been "Sergeant Sargent!"

Lieuts. **Winifred Watson,** WMSC, and **Jane Racicot, WMSC,** both of Occupational Therapy Section, left this week for Texas, to take basic training at the Medical Field Service School at Brooke.

Captain **Vida Buehler,** WMSC, chief of Physical Therapy Section, was pleasantly surprised Thursday afternoon when the members of her staff said "Happy Birthday" with a festive cake. She didn't know they knew.

First Lieut. **Lena J. Cricco,** ANC, left Friday to begin a 30-day leave which she will spend in Chicago, and First Lieut. **Elizabeth Kenney,** ANC, will be leaving next Wednesday, also on a 30-day leave, to visit her mother in Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Two civilian Occupational Therapists, **Janice Jacobs** and **Judy Sharp,** are leaving Letterman in the near future. Judy, after her arrival at her new station, Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, Mass., will be sworn in as a lieutenant in the WMSC. Janice is continuing in O. T. work here in San Francisco.

WAC

Two more newcomers arrived this week to swell the ranks of the WAC detachment, and received a hearty welcome to Letterman. Both had been assigned to Sixth Army before coming here. They are Sergeant **Loie C. Silsby** and Corporal **Joan M. Webster.**

Sergeant **Esther P. Hart** left Monday on her 30-day re-enlistment leave. She is spending it in her home state of Texas.

Two members of the detachment are patients on ward O-1 this week —Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** and Corporal **Henrietta Zuzga.** Both are permitted to have visitors. Sergeant Banvard says she finds life on the ward a thing of luxury, particularly the breakfast in bed feature.

Captain **Marion Chapin,** former CO of the Letterman WAC detachment, who has been here awaiting reassignment since she was discharged as a patient recently, learned this week that her next station will be at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver.

Someone mentioned to Sergeant First Class**Ellie Eaton** the other day that her eyebrows were standing on end (it may have been the post-election-day look of surprise). She obligingly smoothed them down, muttering "It must be the John L. Lewis in me."

A card from Tennessee from Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** CO of the detachment, reports that she is enjoying her leave, and so are the two spaniels she has with her. She doesn't need to worry about keeping them occupied; they keep her occupied, constantly!

Last week Corporal **Marilouise Damm,** accompanied by First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** (who went along as moral support), drove her recently-acquired Buick downtown for the purpose of taking a driver's test. She passed, too, in spite of a slight controversy with the testing officer as to the proper lane from which to make a lefthand turn. ("But there was nobody behind me, officer! I could see in the mirror.") Marilouise insists that on the way back to the post Sergeant Glenn was a trifle nervous, and it wasn't exactly soothing when a car in the next lane crashed loudly into the one in front of it. But Marilouise came through without casualties.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 7 November, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Hobby Exhibits

Four of the Red Cross Hobby Clubs at Letterman were represented last week with exhibits at the annual carnival at the Katherine Delmar Burke School here in San Francisco. The Anglers' Club, the Barbecue Club, the Chess Club and the Stamp Club all had well-arranged exhibits. Proceeds of the carnival are donated each year to the Red Cross for the purpose of helping to finance the hobby clubs at LGH.

Members of each of the clubs were at the carnival. The Anglers' Club was represented by Corporal Raymond Howard of ward E-1, Privates Macario Trujillo and William Cotrone of ward 30, Joseph Springer, club sponsor, and Louis Armknecht, chairman of the ARC fishing committee. Three Barbecue Club members were on hand: Corporal Floyd Straub, Pfc. Ernest Fitch and Private John Barongi, all from ward 1.

William Quinn, Chess Club sponsor, and four members represented that club: Sergeant Charles H. Wery, Pfc. Alfred McAllister and Corporal Jack Condon, all of ward 30, and Tony Lamboy, veteran, of ward 31. Master Sergeant Alfred Bijou, Out Patient Service, and Pfc. A. J. Windsor of Physical Reconditioning were there for the Stamp Club.

Miss Dorothy Ericson, ARC recreation worker, was in charge of arrangements for the group of exhibits.

One person I have to make good: myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.—**Robert Louis Stevenson.**

DO YOU KNOW?



Miss PEARL ROBILLARD
Payroll Section

You might imagine that being in Payroll Section of Civilian Personnel Branch, Miss Pearl Robillard would be going "frantic over figures" come paydays for civilians. But it's not so —she remains calm, and says she enjoys her kork and the people she works with.

"I'm one of those people you hear about, who came to California for a two-week vacation, then decided to stay," says Pearl, who was born in Yakima, Washington. She lived in Moxee City, another town in that state, until she was 18, and it was then that she came to California. She and her mother spent their vacation here in San Francisco, and liked it so well they decided to make their home here.

Pearl had originally intended to go into the teaching field, but she changed her mind and took business courses in high school. She has been a Lettermanite ever since she took her first job, in June 1944, at Dante Anex. She got to know all the ins and outs of Dante, working in the Receiving Office, the Pre-Natal Clinic and the Registrar's Office during the two years she was there.

When Dante closed in June 1946, Pearl came to the main hospital and was assigned to Civilian Personnel Branch, where she worked on processing new employees. For over a year now, since September 1947, she has been in Payroll Branch.

Pearl says she is an avid baseball fan, and goes to all the games she can during the season. "If I'm not at the game, I have my ear glued to the radio." She enjoys sewing, and is so good at it that she can make her own clothes. Just now she is learning the intricacies of crocheting. She likes the movies and reads a good deal, mostly mysteries and historical novels.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Private **F. L. Butler** of ward 2, who has been busily building a doghouse in the Occupational Therapy Shop, refuses to rise to the bait when his pals ask him who will live in it. It's said to be rather large in size, with swinging doors.

One of the most faithful of those in attendance at the USAFI Quiz programs broadcast Tuesday and Thursday mornings over Station KLGH is **Amelio Riccio**, veteran patient on ward 42. Not only is he in attendance, he keeps answering questions winning silver dollars thereby. What makes his replies so entertaining is that he assumes names and characters, and ad libs to fit the role. One morning this week he had the listeners thinking he was really Mischa Auer, it says here.

When **George Koltanowski**, the chess expert, gave an exhibition at the Recreation Hall last week, he played five games simultaneously without looking at the board, but had ten opponents, since each player conferred with a companion before making a move. This didn't bother Mr. K., however, he won all the games anyway. His opponents were: Colonel **John Pesek**, Captain **George Bryan**, Sergeant **Charles H. Werry, Tony Lamboy**, Sergeant **Myron Rose**, Corporal **James Hubert**, Dr. **L. M. Rose**, Captain **Gerald Moultrie**, Sergeant **Thomas R. Clarkson** and **Pfc. Hilman Engebretson.** Members of the Chess Club have now begun a game of "Postal Chess" with Mr. Koltanowski. They use a book with movable paper chessmen to record the moves, then send word of the move by postcard and await Mr. Koltanowski's move by return mail.

Antonio Alarcon, veteran patient on ward 31, is getting the reputation of being quite a fortune teller. Doesn't use any props, either. He just looks his subjects over and proceeds to give them straight dope.

Master Sergeant **Franklin S. Collins**, patient on ward F-2, is getting a lot of admiring comment on the heads he modeled in clay recently at the Occupational Therapy Shop. They are heads of savages, and they have more than a touch of humor.

Girls who feel the need of a change of coiffure are consulting **Jere Benet**, veteran patient on ward F-2, who is fast getting a reputation as a hair stylist. While he knits socks at a fast and furious pace, Jere dreams up new hairdos for feminine heads.

Something new in the way of table-and-lamp combinations has been worked out by Sergeant First Class **Ovid Wells**, patient on ward 3. Unfortunately the table suffered a fractured leg before he got it home, and it had to be brought back for hospitalization in the carpenter shop. But as Sergeant Wells points out, he's glad the accident didn't cause a broken heart.

Tom Mosely of ward 40, veteran patient, has been busy recently doing a complete overhaul on his convertible. He explains that the car needs work done on it because his mother has been driving it lately.

In spite of the fact that both his arms are in a cast, Sergeant **Jack Mortimer**, patient on ward E-2, has succeeded in making a "self-designed" leather wallet. It was his first attempt at leatherwork, and he likes it so well he intends to get going with bigger projects.

Major John S. Harmstead, patient on ward A-2, is currently enjoying a 15-day leave at his home in Modesto, engaged in doing genealogical research, one of his hobbies. Major Harmstead, who is also known as the "genial genealogist," is a life member of the Pennsylvania Genealoigcal Society, and a member of both the Pennsylvania and California Historical Societies. He remarked that on his return from his leave he would probably be bringing a couple of family trees with him. For the patio, no doubt.

Fourteen-year-old **Dick McIntosh**, who is on ward C-1, is now a patient here for the second time within a few months. He says he is working his way through the A's as regards ailments—first it was asthma; now it's appendicitis. But Dick doesn't let it get him down. Already he has earned praise for his expert work in fly-tying. Those who know say he has a strictly professional touch in the task.

Recruit: "This liniment makes my arm smart."

Squad Leader: "Rub some on your head."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ARTHUR SOLOMON
Sergeant First Class

They say everything comes to an end and that was true this week for the long hospital sojourn of Sergeant First Class Arthur Solomon who has been a Letterman patient since 21 January 1946.

Sgt. Solomon came into the army by way of the Hawaiian National Guard and he first served in the Pacific on the Gilbert Islands and Solomon Islands although he modestly admits the last mentioned isles were not named after him. With the fighting in the far east coming to a standstill the sergeant was moved over to the European theater and hit the beach at Salerno as a member of the 144th Infantry, 34th Division, Fifth Army.

After D-day he found himself in Normandy, on to central France, and across the Rhine as a member of the 314th Infantry of the 79th Division. In getting over the river he was wounded for the third time in December 1944 and began the long period of hospitalization just terminated.

The ribbons adorning the uniform blouse of Sgt. Solomon indicate that he has been awarded the Silver Star citation, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with two oak-leaf clusters, the Croix de Guerre, and the combat infantry badge.

The present plans in the making for the sergeant call for a course in electrical engineering at the Coyne School in Chicago and when the school days are over he will return to his native land. He made many friends at Letterman and he leaves with the best wishes of all for his future success.

Passenger: "You'll bring me back safe, won't you?"

Pilot: "I've never left anyone up there yet."

CIVIL CIRCLES

The Letterman Post Exchange is looking gay and festive with the Thanksgiving decorations now in evidece. **Mrs. Alice Thompson,** manager of the LGH PX, praises **Mary Lou Marshall** for the fine work done. Christmas gifts, cards, and decorations are now on sale in the PX for the early shoppers.

Two victims of the flu bug were **Marjorie Granger,** Detachment of Patients, and **"Ace" Guth,** ward A-1. Marjorie spent five days leave at home combating the flu.

Mrs. Helen Diez, Record Room, was seen one day last week looking vainly for a plug in the office so she could test the Santa Claus light she had. Last report was that the search was unsuccessful.

Ruth Steed, Custodian, Patients Fund, returned recently from a three weeks vacation which she spent with her husband, **Captain O. H. Steed,** at Fort Sam Houston, where he is taking a course. She is happy that he will finish in time to be home for the holiday season.

Eulalia Marea, formerly of the Dental Clinic, dropped in last week to visit with friends at Letterman.

Warren Conlin, formerly of Civilian Personnel, and now at the Presidio, lunched with friends at Letterman last week. He says he has taken up horseback riding and likes it. He is now sporting a crew hair cut.

Mrs. May Beswick, Commanding General's office, spent three days recently in Reno, Nevada.

Among the highlights of the most important basic resolutions adopted, at the convention held recently in Milwaukee, constituting the broad outlines of the National Federation of Federal Employees program for the next two years, was protection of sick and annual leave; and employees were specifically urged to be scrupulously careful in the use of sick leave to prevent abuses which could lead to the curtailment of their present rights.

"I had to run into a fence to avoid hitting a cow standing in the road," a woman motorist explained to the judge.

"Was it a Jersey cow?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I didn't see its license plate."

SHE WAS "UNOFFICIAL HOSTESS" FOR VISITORS TO WAR CRIMES TRIALS



Captain VIRGINIA H. GILL, WAC
Commendations crowd her 201 file.

For more than a year Captain Virginia Gill, WAC, served as assistant executive officer in the Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, in Nuremberg, Germany, and when she left Germany last February to come to Letterman for hospitalization for a back injury, she received an enthusiastic letter of commendation from her commanding officer, Brigadier General Telford Taylor. Commendations are no novelty to Captain Gill—she has received a number of them since she has been in the Army.

She was on duty in Nuremberg from the time of the opening of the International Military Tribunal, and served as adjutant to Mr. Justice Robert Jackson until he turned his work over to General Taylor.

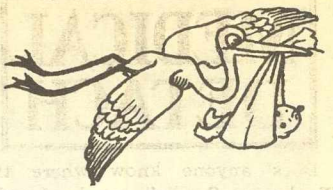
The most interesting part of Captain Gill's work was in the "in addition to her other duties" division. She was unofficial hostess to the high ranking official visitors to the war crimes trials, making arrangements for their lodging, food and entertainment. She took visitors on trips to Garmisch and Berchtesgaden. In many cases she flew to the country from which the visitors came, to act as military escort for them. She was at the trials and in the prison almost daily, escorting visitors. She says she still remembers vividly the "terrific tension of the day Goering committed suicide."

Among the the European countries she visited in the course of her duties were England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Norway and Portugal.

Captain Gill was born in Fayette, Maine, lived in San Francisco as a child, and attended schools here, then went to Washington, D. C., where she took nurse's training at George Washington University. She decided she did not care for nursing, and majored in psychology, later taking additional work at Columbia.

She came into the WAC in 1943, after six years with Douglas Aircraft in medical personnel liaison work, and after completing basic at Des Moines, went immediately to OCS and received her commission in May 1943. She served at Fort Devens, Mass., where she ran four dispensaries for the WAC training center; at Talloran General Hospital, where she was clinical psychologist for nearly three years, and at Fort Lewis, Washington, as chief of Officers Branch, Separation Center, WDPC. She received the Army Commendation Ribbon for her work at Fort Lewis. Then came her overseas assignment.

Captain Gill is expecting to return to duty in the near future, but doesn't know yet what or where her assignment will be.



To Sergeant and Mrs. Burroughs C. Bailey, a boy, **Terrance Carlton,** born 19 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Leonid G. Zharoff, a boy, **Alexander Leonid,** born 20 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Van B. Farris, a girl, **Erika Lillian,** born 20 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Leslie A. Nelson, a boy, **Dennis Ernest,** born 20 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Orville A. Gaskins, a girl, **Patricia Lynn,** born 19 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Carl J. Hale, a boy, **William Fred,** born 21 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Newton O. Patterson, a boy, **Thomas Orson,** born 21 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Cody L. Skelton, a girl, **Jamalee,** born 21, October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Robert D. Paton, a boy, **Richard Allen,** born 21 October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Russell B. Henderson, a boy, **Terry Bruce,** born 21 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Melvin Hans Rasmussen, a girl, **Christine Marie,** born 21 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Charles H. West, a boy, **Thomas Raymond,** born 22 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Horace Anderson, twin girls, **Denise Evelyn,** born 22 October, and **Diane Elizabeth,** born 23 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Albert E. Littlepage, a boy, **Stephen Albert** born 23 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Curtis Robert Hovde, a boy, **Richard Curtis,** born 23 October.

MEDICAL DETACH

Does anyone know where the "Barber of Seville" can be found? It seems that Corporal **Marshall Braden** of Message Center awakened one sunny morning last week and found, to his surprise, that his cookie-duster needed trimming. But his faithful razor, instead of just trimming it, took it off completely. Marshall says now that he decided not to wear one anymore, so we're wondering why the new crop?

Recently returned from furlough are First Sergeant **Willis R. Crump,** detachment orderly room, and Master Sergeant **Delbert Eckstein,** Registrar's office.

If you should happen to be up in the morning around 2 a. m., be on the lookout for Corporal **George Norris** of Special Services. He makes his home in San Lorenzo, and may be seen every morning, but early, wending his way to work. George always makes it in time and manages to carry on with his job in spite of sand-filled eyes.

Though we're a long way from summer, Corporal **Frank Corpe** of Finance Office thinks it's warm enough to have a "Butch!" There's a conspiracy to let him continue with his happy thought, and no one intends to tell him that it's coming on for winter, and cold, too.

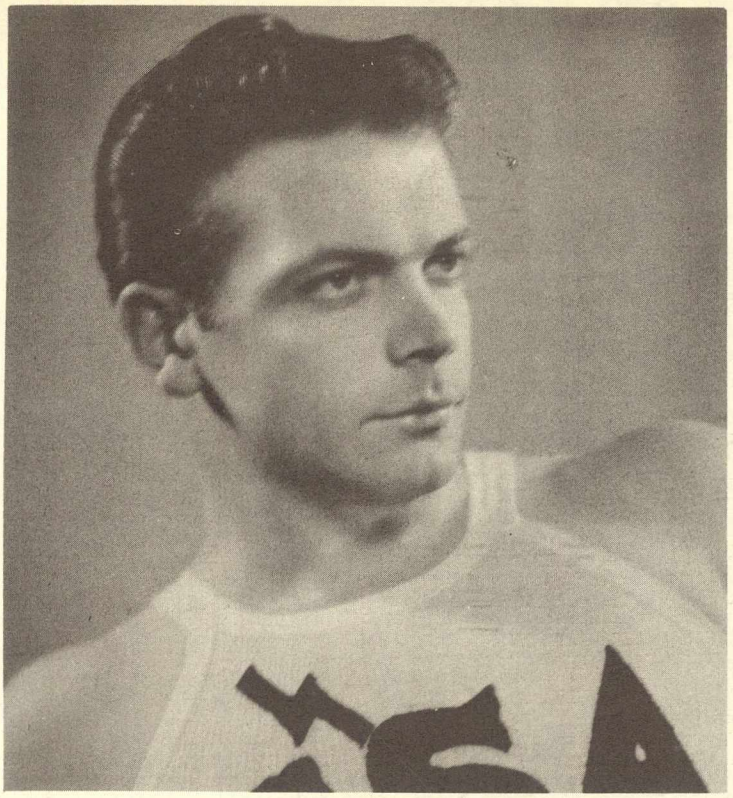
Corporal **Jim Perry** offered his cocker spaniel for sale. Cheap, too, but apparently nobody was interested. But now that his wife suggests keeping the dog, Jim has received all kinds of offers. The word "cheap" has disappeared in the shuffle.

Any of the 9956 men will be sorry to learn that Master Sergeant **Kenneth Roberts** of Troop Information and Education Office is now a patient. He is on ward B-2, and would welcome visitors.

It's a good thing that week end duty doesn't come too often for Pfc. **Dick Raitt** of X-ray. Dick finds it hard enough sleeping on an X-ray table, but to have people calling him all hours of the early morn was a bit disturbing. Everyone says Dick is doing a wonderful job, but he'dd rather not do it so early in the morning, please.

To Sergeant **Al Vendouris** of Message Center goes the credit for this week's Medical Detach column. Looks like he not only gives out with messages but also listens in on 'em.

HE HOLDS HIGH HONORS FOR BOTH MILITARY AND SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS



Master Sergeant HERBERT E. WOODWARD
Pictured as a member of the 1948 Olympic team.

It's not easy to learn from Master Sergeant Herbert E. Woodward of Physical Reconditioning Section about the achievements with the Airborne troops which earned for him his impressive collection of decorations, and he is almost equally reticent about his record in sports. He was a member of the Olympic team this year; he played on the 1943 Army All-Star football team; he coached the Berlin Bears who won the European Command football championship; he was on the First Army bowling team, and was First Army golf champion in 1946.

In qualifying for the Olympics, Sergeant Woodward, competing in five major events, set records of 0.47.5 in the 440-meter dash; 52 feet 6 inches in the shot put; 14 feet in the pole vault; 229 feet in the javelin throw, and 156 feet in the discus throw.

He has been at Letterman since September, and is assigned as Physical Instructor in the gymnasium. He is due for discharge in December, but says he has not made any specific plans for the future.

Sergeant Woodward, who was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, attended Springfield University and Harvard University. While in college he was on the football, track and ice hockey teams.

He came into the Army in the early days of the war, and served in both the Pacific and the European Theatres. In the ETO he was with the 101st Airborne, took his jump training in England, and participated in the Normandy invasion. He was wounded in combat several times, and on one occasion was reported killed in action. He was actually in an Army hospital, and his mother heard from him from there about the time she received the "killed in action" report.

Sergeant Woodward's decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, which he received for "heroism and gallantry in action" in Normandy; the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star with cluster, and Purple Heart with five clusters, and the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters. He also has three foreign decorations — the French Croix de Guerre and a decoration from Holland, bestowed by Queen Wilhelmina.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Sergeant **James Peyton** has been singing "California, Here I Come," ever since he came back from furlough. It seems that Sergeant Peyton is just in love with the State. Or **is** it the State?

Sergeant First Class **John Cook** has become a first rate pipe smoker. John dug up a little abbreviated number that holds about half a thimble full of tobacco. It occupies a place between his teeth and he can be seen smoking it almost anywhere and anytime. A new Prince Albert!

Sergeant **Paulino Magale** must have caught a case of jitters as a result of his tour of duty as Charge of Quarters. Sergeant First Class **Charles Barnes,** the supply sergeant, has diligently searched all the sheets for clues.

Corporal **Ruby M. James** is thinking about getting his MOS changed to that of a Clown. His performance at the NCO Club would certainly warrant it.

Corporal **Donald Chah's** latest sideline is "sleuthing." He will answer to the name of Inspector. Ah! And the things he inspects!

Private First Class **George Wilson** has announced his plans to enter the clothing business. His first piece of merchandise arrived this week and looks like a cross between a flour sack and a South Seas sarong. George takes it like a good trooper and is hoping that he'll get invited to a costume ball soon.

"The Case of the Missing Typewriter" which has its plot setting at Crissy Annex, has been assigned to "Inspector Chah." We hope that he can solve the mystery, as the personnel are fast running out of pencils.

This column erred when it said that all of the old guard among the Train Unit officers have either been transferred or alerted except Major **Rex Huey.** Captain **Wyman Taylor** is practically a permanent fixture of the organization and has been with the Unit for more than four years. He has been alerted for Japan, but the alert was taken off when The Surgeon General's office could not find another man who knew all about maintaining Diesel engines and hospital cars.

In The Library

The fall season has brought a flood of books from the publishers. A complete list is on the bulletin board in the library, but here is a quick look at some of them. The historical novel is flourishing and among these you will find new books by your favorite authors: Slaughter, "Sangaree"; Jennings, "River to the west"; Marshall, "Castle in the Swamp"; Fletcher, "Roanoke Hundred"; Westcott, "Captain for Elizabeth"; Webber, "Rampart Street"; and Forbes, "Running of the Tide."

Sandburg's "Remembrance Rock" is a long novel (over 1000 pages!) of American ideals of liberty, covers the whole period of history by highlighting the Massachusetts settlement, the Revolution, the Civil war and the World war.

Buckmaster's "Fire in the Heart" is the love story of the actress Fanny Kemble, the author being noted for historical accuracy in her novels.

Sullivan's "First Citizen" is a modern Babbitt story concerning the devout belief in the power of money to make a big man out of a little one.

Blythe's "Bold Galilean" is a tale of three Roman citizens in Palestine during Christ's ministry. For those who liked "The Robe."

Young's "Heaven Faces West" concerns San Francisco in 1896 when it was called the wickedest city in the world. By the author of "Mother Wore Tights."

Habe's "Walk in Darkness" is the negro race question in the army of occupation in Germany.

Hichens has a colorful and action-filled romance of intrigue in Italy in his new "Incognito." In the tradition of his "Garden of Allah."

Bromfield epitomizes adolescence in "Wild Country," placed during the summer of the St. Louis fair. MGM will make it in technicolor.

The war books are back and each one is hailed by the publisher as the masterpiece and classic of World War II. Consensus of critics and public, so far, places Mailer's "Naked and the Dead" as tops in popularity, with Shaw's "The Young Lions" running a close second and tying with Heym's "The Crusaders." The first happens on an island in the Pacific. The other two are the European invasion.



By Armed Forces Press Service

It is conceivable that Army's football team could be in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day.

This blossomy classic is victim of a pact between the Pacific Coast Conference and the Big Nine, both loops sharing the exclusive privilege of supplying the pigskin gladiators each year.

Conference officials have voted that the champions of both Conferences (and it looks like Michigan and California) would receive the Pasadena bid, **but that no team would appear two years in succession.**

If Michigan does take the title, its players will be denied a trip to the bowl simply because they appeared on January 1 of this year and walloped the University of Southern California by a track-meet score.

Michigan staying home would mean the coast kingpins would have to take a Big Nine opponent that has been beaten once or twice. And the coast entry undoubtedly would feel that it is bad enough to be whipped by a champion, much less by a second-best.

Grantland Rice, Mr. Football, believes that if Michigan should win the Big Nine title, the University will probably name some worthy team outside the conference, to meet the best on the coast.

Grant is of the further opinion that if Army continues bowling over all opposition, the Cadets will be top boys in line. It goes without saying that this move would be welcomed on the coast.

Football fans in the West long have been crying for a look at the Cadets. They want to know what makes them tick so smoothly year in and year out against tough competition. Not to mention the color attendant on all Point encounters.

'T' Signal Caller Mental Wiz

Take it from Harry Gilmer, one year out of Alabama and now an apprentice quarterback for the Washington Redskins, a "T" quarterback must be a mental wizard to direct 10 men on the field.

Gilmer is confined to a hospital bed with a leg injury but he's had no opportunity to rest. Too busy learning plays. The former 'Bama flash confided that when he played for dear old alma mater he had about 30 basic plays to memorize. The Redskins haven't many more basic plays but each has a coupla' hundred variations. And the signal system is 10 times more complicated than the college version.

For example, take the signal, "27-A-O-Pinch-On-Three."

The two is the back who carries the ball. The seven is where the play goes. The A,O and Pinch are the blocking assignments. The "On Three" tells when the center will snap the ball.

Or take a pass play, for which the Washington club, with Sammy Baugh, is famous.

Gilmer might call "57-Veer Right-26-Up."

The 57 is the protective blocking assignment. The Veer Right is where the ends go. The 26 means the number-two back goes in motion and the ball is snapped on six.

The opposition can always upset the quarterback by changing a defense after the QB calls for an off tackle smash against a five-man line.

The quarterback precedes the signal by calling "O.K." That means he is going to make a last minute change. He then calls "27-A-O-Squeeze," thus changing blocking assignments to take care of the extra defensive man who has shifted into the line.

Football has come a long way.

Wondrous Wardrobe Wows Wafs

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas (AFPS)—Fashion is the keynote of the new uniform set-up for the women in the Air Force.

The 100 Wafs, present at the recent opening of the training school here, were told that as members of the Air Force they will be well dressed, and what's more—will be permitted to select their own hairdo and buy their own girdles.

Additional glad tiding was contained in the announcement that henceforth feminine white underwear with a dainty border will replace the olive drab of wartime manufacture.

The wardrobe of the well dressed Waf will consist of forty-three separate items including: one tropical wool summer jacket with two matching skirts; one olive drab jacket with three like skirts; one pair of summer slacks and one pair for winter wear.

Two khaki caps, two O.D. caps, one dress cap in beige and one in khaki will complete her military outfits. Also, one woolen overcoat; a beige summer dress and a tan one for winter; six cotton shirts; one tropical worsted; one sweater, one pair of cotton gloves; one pair of leather dress gloves; one pair of dress shoes; one pair of overshoes; three pair of nylon hose and three pair of cotton hose.

Answering the Veterans Queries

There are aproximately 415,000 veterans of World War II in the area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) who have retained their Veterans Administration Branch 12 National Service Life insurance, Veterans Administration reports.

One of the most important things for veterans to do about their G-I insurance is the naming of a beneficiary or benefiicaries of their policies, VA points out.

Unless a veteran gives this matter thoughtful consideration, he may fail to get the most out of his insurance. For instance, if no beneficiary is named, the policyholder may be risking a financial loss to his heirs. Up to August 1, 1946, it was not absolutely necessary for the veteran to name primary and contingent beneficiaries because the law provided for payment of the insurance to legal heirs in a specified order. Now, however, if the veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, or if the beneficiary should die before the policyholder, the insurance will be paid in a lump sum to the veteran's estate.

If this happens, and the insurance becomes part of an estate it is subject to all the laws governing estates, including claims of creditors, administrators' fees and court expenses. Thus the veteran's heirs might easily lose some of the insurance money which they might otherwise have received.

On the other hand, if the veteran names a specific beneficiary and the insurance is paid to him or her, it is exempt from taxation and from any claims made by creditors. The money is not liable to attachment, levy or seizure under any legal process, either before or after receipt by the beneficiary. The only exception to this rule is that the U. S. Government may make claims against the insurance.

Hence, veterans can protect their heirs against possible financial loss by naming a beneficiary, and they can add to that protection by naming a contingent beneficiary to whom the insurance is to be paid if the first beneficiary should die without receiving the money.

Poet: "I'm knee deep in love with you."

She: "I'll put you on my wading list."

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Armed Forces Vets May Apply for Army Reserve Commissions

Veterans who served at least one year in any of the Armed Forces during World War II, has two years of college before or since, and are between the ages of 19 and 32, may qualify for an Army reserve commission, it was announced recently by General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander.

Qualified applicants will be commissioned in the Organized Reserve Corps, and will be given an initial two-year tour of active duty.

Part of a Department of the Army plan to obtain 30,000 additional officers between now and June 1949, the offer is not confined to veterans alone, General Clark revealed. The opportunity for commissioned status also is available to men now serving in the Army, participants in the ROTC program, and members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Veterans who wish to apply should have had at least one year's active duty between December 7, 1941 and June 30, 1947, must have completed two years at a nationally accredited college or university, and score at least 110 in the Army's general classification test.

Complete details and application forms can be secured from any U. S. Army Recruiting Station. It is expected that the first group of men will start their 12-week training course about December 1.

Specifically designed to rebuild the officer strength of the Army, particularly in the junior grades, the plan offers an opportunity to qualified young men who did not attain commissioned status during the recent war.



Brigadier General LEONARD D. HEATON
Elected to membership in the Halstead Surgical Society.

General Heaton Receives High Honor

Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services on the Letterman staff, was the recipient of a signal honor last week when he attended on invitation the annual meeting of the Halstead Surgical Society in Philadelphia and was elected to membership in that organization.

The society is named in memory of Dr. William S. Halstead, who was Professor of Surgery at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School for over 30 years until his death in 1921. He was one of the pioneers in the residency post graduate training for the medical profession.

Membership in the Halstead Surgical Society is limited in number and held by the pre-eminent surgeons of the country. It is believed locally that General Heaton's selection for admission to the society marks the first time that any army medical officer has been so honored.

General Heaton has been the spearhead in the residency training program now in operation at Letterman ever since its inception. He is a Diplomate, American Board of Surgery and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Letterman Will Be Fifty Years Old On 1 December

In recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of this command as a general hospital, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the Commanding General, has appointed a committee to arrange a program for the proper commemoration of the occasion.

General Order No. 182 from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, dated 1 December 1898 reads:

"By direction of the Secretary of War, the division hospital at San Francisco, California, formerly Independent Division 8th Army Corps Hospital, is designated as a general Hospital, and will be under the exclusive control of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, in accordance with paragraph 1433 of the Regulations."

The committee has submitted, and the commanding general has approved, a program calling for ceremonies in the patio at 1330 on Wednesday, 1 December. The Surgeon General has been invited to be the guest of honor for the day and to make the principal address. The patients, with the co-operation of the Red Cross staff, will decorate the wards, and the Red Cross will donate a huge birthday cake with 50 candles to the ward having the most appropriate decorations.

Miss Grace Guilford, Letterman Field Director for the American Red Cross, is on the committee for arrangements and has pledged the assistance of her staff in carrying out the celebration.

Arrivals and Departures Rate Greetings and Farewells

It is said of personnel assigned to Letterman that they arrive with pleasure and leave with reluctance, and the four officers involved in last week's arrivals and departures were no exception. Two left for overseas duty—Major Edward A. Bartholomew, MSC, Chief of Hospital Service Branch, who went to the Philippines, and Chaplain (Captain)



EDWARD A. BARTHOLOMEW
Major, MSC

Lester Lane McCammon, assistant post chaplain, who went to Hawaii. Two newcomers arrived to take over the duties of Major Bartholomew and Chaplain McCammon. They are Major James H. Marsh, MSC, and Chaplain (Captain) George B. King.

Next year Major Edward A. Bartholomew, MSC, departing Chief of Hospital Service Branch, will complete 30 years of service in the Army. During that time he has been at Letterman on two tours of duty —the first in 1922, and the second, more than a quarter of a century later, in 1948. He is now leaving for duty in Manila.

A native of Port Arthur, Canada, Major Bartholomew grew up in Wisconsin and Montana, went into the cattle ranching business after he finished school and joined the Army in 1919, going to Siberia shortly thereafter. He served in Manila, then came to LGH in 1922, after which he went to Honolulu for duty at Schofield Barracks.

During World War II he served in Iceland, and while he was there he received his commission. Other tours of duty include those at Beaumont General Hospital, Walter Reed General Hospital and St. Louis Medical Depot. Major Bartholomew hopes to make his home in the Hawaiian Islands after his retirement.

Just back from overseas duty in Japan at the 49th General Hospital, Tokyo, is Major James H. Marsh, MSC, the new Chief of Hospital Service Branch, who arrived at LGH two weeks ago. He and his wife, Hilda, are already ensconced in a home on Seal Rock Drive. As Major Marsh puts it, "We're not buying the house, but we're certainly paying for it."

Major Marsh is a native of Sacramento, and is happy to be back in California. He attended Sacramento Junior College and is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, University of California. He was at Peralta Hospital in Oakland before



JAMES H. MARSH
Major, MSC

coming into the Army in April 1941.

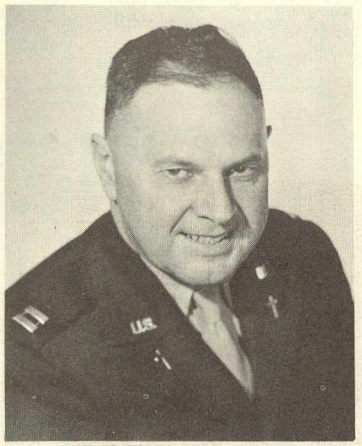
He served at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., and the 73rd Evacuation Hospital in Sawtelle, California, before going to Alaska in April 1942. He spent 32 months in the Aleutians, and when he returned to the States was sent to a rest center at Santa Barbara "to thaw out for two weeks."

Assigned to Hammond General Hospital at Modesto as supply officer, Major Marsh remained there until the hospital closed in March 1946, after which he went to Japan. As regards his present assignment to Letterman, Major Marsh says he "couldn't like anything better."

Letterman was Chaplain McCammon's first duty station as an Army chaplain, in the years 1943 to 1945, and he returned for his second tour of duty here in January of this year. A veteran of World War I as well as World War II, he served both in Europe and the Pacific. The tour of duty upon which he is about to begin will be his first in Hawaii.

Chaplain McCammon is a native of Pennsylvania, and he spent his early youth on a farm near West Alexandria. He was graduated from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, where he majored in English. He enlisted in the Army shortly after he received his degree, and served for a year in France during World War I.

After receiving his discharge, he became a student at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa., and after receiving the degree of S. T. B. (Bachelor of Sacred Theology) he was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church. He spent a year in Europe, engaged in research and travel. He studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and traveled throughout Central Europe. After his return to the States he was appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Delmont, Pa., and later at Zelienople, Pa.



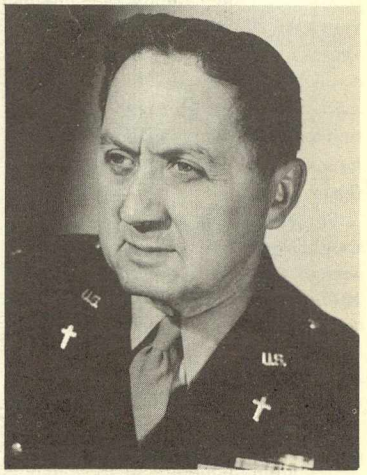
LESTER LANE McCAMMON
Chaplain (Captain)

In 1942 he became an Army chaplain and after a period of study and training at Harvard University was assigned to LGH. After leaving here in 1945 he served for a year in Manila, at the 312th General Hospital, then received his discharge. He was recalled to active duty in January 1947 with station at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., then came to LGH the following January.

Chaplain (Captain) George B. King, who arrived last week to take over the duties of assistant Post Chaplain, is also a veteran of both World War I and World War II, and has just been recalled to active duty from Norwalk, Ohio, where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Chaplain King was born in Rochester, Mich., but considers Detroit his home city. Before entering the ministry he served in the Navy in Warld War I and worked for the Bell Telephone Company in Detroit. He attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was ordained as a Baptist minister on 25 June 1930, and went to Spokane, Wash., as director of Christian education for the Washington-Idaho Baptist convention. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Manistique, Mich., when he came to active duty with the Army Chaplain Corps in June 1941. He was stationed at San Luis Obispo, then went overseas with the 43rd Infantry Division in October 1943, and participated in the Guadacanal, Munda and New Guinea campaigns, as well as the Leyte and Luzon landings. Later he served at the 80th General Hospital in Manila.

After his separation from the service in January 1946 he was vocational advisor with the VA guidance center at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, for a time, then went to Norwalk to take over the pastorate he has just left.



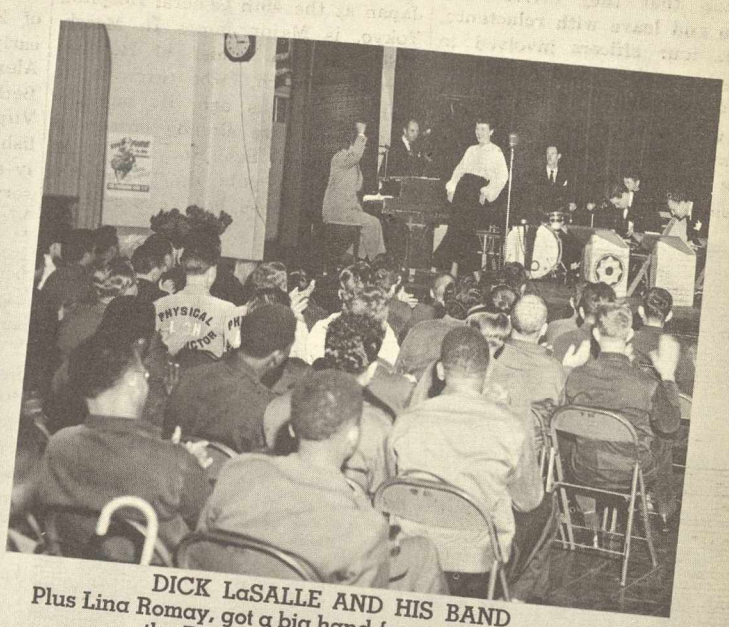
GEORGE B. KING
Chaplain (Captain)

Chaplain King's wife, Gladest, and their two daughters, Jean Rhosa and Lois Myrle, will join him here as soon as the school year is over. Chaplain King is a philatelist, and collects commemorative stamps and first day covers, but his major interest is church history.

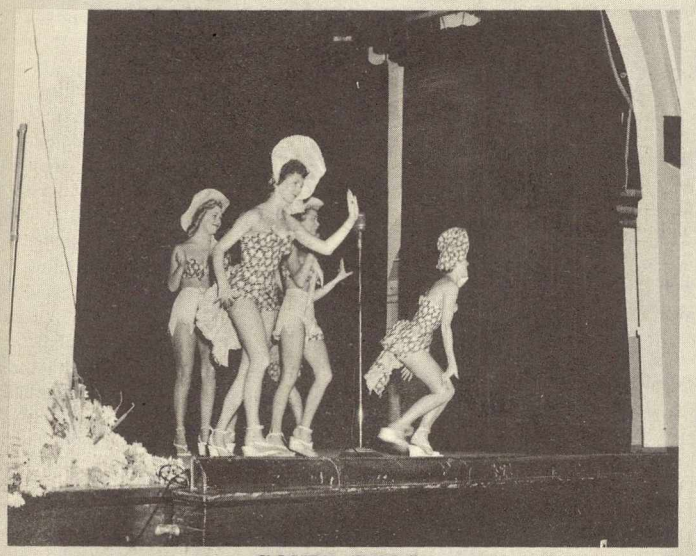
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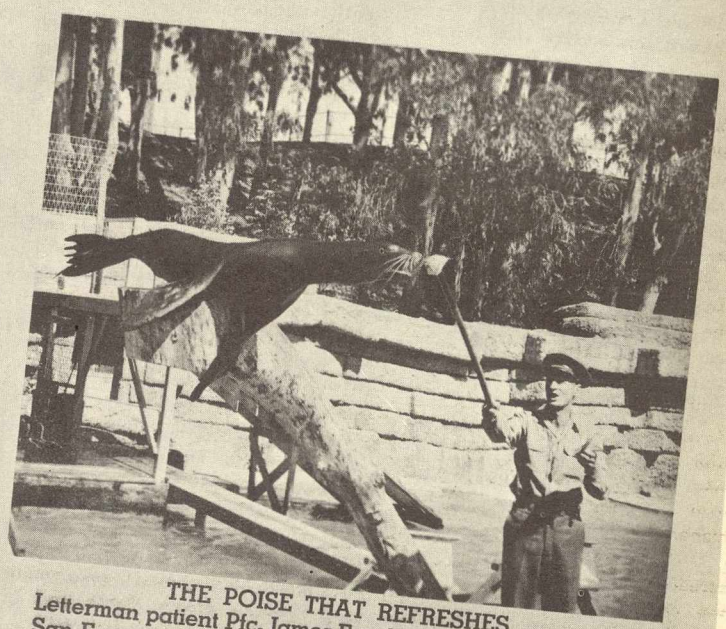
LINA ROMAY
star of screen and radio, who sang for Letterman patients last week at the Recreation Hall.



DICK LaSALLE AND HIS BAND
Plus Lina Romay, got a big hand from a packed house at the Recreation Hall last Thursday.



COVER GIRLS
Earl Carroll showgirls from the House of Harris go into their dance as they entertain patients at a show at the Recreation Hall.



THE POISE THAT REFRESHES
Letterman patient Pfc. James Frank caught this seal at the San Francisco Zoo posing with poise while he awaited a nice fresh fish dinner, and shot the picture just before the first bite.

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EDITORIAL

TO PREVENT WAR

America must not let "the cold war become a war of boredom" and through complacency allow our military forces to deteriorate,.. warned.. General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, in a recent speech in which he defended the Selective Service Act as "part of our effort to prevent war."

"Everywhere I go I am asked if war is around the corner. Like you, unfortunately, I do not know . . . There is happily a vast difference between the possibility and the probability of war," the General declared.

"If peace is to come out of agreement, then agreement must come out of the exchange of ideas. It was the American people who bravely said that any threat to freedom is a threat to our own lives.

"Peace is always possible while we have recourse to discussion, compromise and agreement within a council chamber of nations."

Though the average individual is obliged to rely on major problems, he owes it to himself to be as well informed as possible about such problems, to keep his interest keen, and to avoid the possibility of the kind of "boredom" mentioned by General Bradley.



Wedding bells rang last Friday, 5 November, for First Lieut. **Bernadine M. Wagener,** ANC, who became the bride of Captain **Francis X. Weixel,** MC, of EENT Service, at a nuptial Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (First Lieut.) Daniel Shea. The maid of honor and the best man were both Lettermanites —Captain **Loretta Bevins,** ANC, and Captain **Ralph N. Kraus,** MC. The bride wore a pale blue suit with navy accessories and a corsage of white orchids, and the maid of honor wore a navy suit with off-white accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses. After a brief honeymoon at Carmel, Captain and Mrs. Weixel are now established in quarters on the post, and Mrs. Weixel is in process of separating from the service.

With duty in the European Command in the offing, First Lieut. **Nellie M. Casey,** ANC, left last week to report to Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Although she is currently busy refurbishing and refurnishing her quarters, First Lieut. **Leath Shaffer** of Physical Therapy took time off for a week end in Carmel, and First Lieut. **Beatrice Sandhoff** of P. T. accompanied her on the trip.

First Lieut. **Florence E. Whittier,** ANC, is leaving today to begin a two-week holiday, and she will spend it in Seattle, Washington.

Exchanging Army life for civilian life, First Lieut. **Olah J. Patterson,** ANC, was relieved from active duty this week.

The Letterman Occupational Therapists were hostesses yesterday evening at a meeting of the Northern California Occupational Therapists Association held here at the hospital. More than 40 persons attended the meeting, and Dr. **Bruce Merrill,** psychoanalyst, who is a consultant at the Langley Porter Clinic, was the speaker of the evening. Following his talk, the group adjourned for a tour of the functional O. T. shop, where refreshments were served.

First Lieut. **Edna K. Russell,** ANC, is leaving tomorrow for her new duty station, McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena.

WAC

The scene didn't change for Corporal **Henrietta Zuzga** this week, just the occupation, when she returned to duty after a period on patient status. She now knows ward O-1 both as a patient and as a worker. However, there is no report as to which aspect of life on O-1 she prefers.

Sergeant **Jane Jones** left Tuesday afternoon by air for her home in Frankfort, Kentucky, called there on emergency leave because of the serious illness of her brother.

First Sergeant **Nellie P. Johnson** has returned from her 30-day reenlistment leave, and is again on duty in Out-Patient Service.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher,** who is anticipating a 30-day re-enlistment leave over the Christmas holidays, is cannily getting her housecleaning and Christmas shopping done early, so she can really relax and enjoy herself when the leave begins.

Sergeant **Loie C. Silsby,** who joined the detachment last week, left this week on a 30-day leave which she will spend at her home in Winthrop, N. Y. She will be assigned to duty in the Occupational Therapy Shop on her return.

Corporal **Joan M. Webster,** who also arrived at Letterman last week, is on duty in the Operating Room.

A festive foursome composed of Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton,** Sergeant **Gladys Knowles,** Sergeant **Jane Jones** and Corporal **Marilouise Damm** spent the week end in Calistoga, and enjoyed themselves sightseeing among the geysers and at the petrified forest. They made the trip in Corporal Damm's car, and the only untoward event of the week end was the occasion on which a slight beep of the horn turned into a steady blast. After some peering under the hood, and the discovery that the car had two horns, the situation was remedied by Sergeant Knowles.

Sergeant **Dorothy Guy** and Corporal **Betty Stahl** both enjoyed three day passes during the week.

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament. It is a great error to suppose this comes entirely by nature; it comes quite as much by culture.—**Henry Van Dyke.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 14 November, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Going

The Department of the Army has issued orders to Chaplain Daniel P. Shea for his new station in the Alaska Department. He will leave early in January.

Gone

Colonel George L. Beatty, longtime Lettermanite on the Surgical Service, left us this week for his new assignment at the Station Hospital at Fort Ord where he will be the Chief of the Surgical Service.

Scouts Disband

(AFPS)—The United States embassy at Manila has officially confirmed a recent announcement that the Philippine Scouts, part of the Army since 1901, will be gradually disbanded in the next 11 months.

Mr. Thomas H. Lockett, United States Charge d'Affaires, said the decision has been made with great regret since the United States was proud of the long and distinguished record of the Scouts. However, he added, since the Philippines were now independent "the United States has felt for some time that the Scouts should be disbanded."

It is expected that the majority of the Scouts will be absorbed into the Philippine defense forces.

Family life is the source of the greatest human happiness. This happiness is the simplest and least costly kind, and it cannot be purchased with money. But it can be increased if we do two things: if we recognize and uphold the essential values of family life and if we get and keep control of the process of social change so as to make it give us what is needed to make family life perform its essential function.—**Robert J. Havighurst.**

ON THE SPOT



ORVILLE HEMBERGER
Recruit

Not many people who hurtle over a cliff in an automobile live to tell about it, but Recruit Orville Hemberger, who has been a Letterman patient since September 1947, survived such a fall, and is now about ready for discharge from the hospital.

The car in which he was riding struck a hole in the road, dropped over a cliff, and turned over six times before it landed. As a result of Orville's injuries he wore a head and chest cast for nearly a year. Now that he's out of the cast, the friends he has made since he's been here are finding out what he really looks like.

Orville was born in Reedsville, Wisconsin, and attended school there. After he finished school he drove a logging truck for a time, then in July 1942 enlisted in the Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He had basic training at Camp Grant, and was then assigned to duty at Great Falls, Montana, where he was given on-the-job training as a dental laboratory assistant. The Great Falls field was a stopping point on the Air Force route from the United States to Nome, Alaska, and Orville was one of a three-man medical detachment there. He remained there until March 1945, then got to go to Alaska himself, and was assigned to the 1469th Air Force Base Unit at Nome as an assistant in the dental laboratory.

After six months at Nome, he was transferred to a field at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Eventually, after a second assignment in Alaska, he returned to duty at Great Falls, and it was there that the accident occurred which brought him to Letterman as a patient.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Due to negligence on the part of patients and duty personnel only those signed up with Special Services or the Red Cross for the football games will be eligible to witness the games. All personnel will be in Class A uniform.

Captain **George Bryan,** patient on ward D-2, boasts a jaunty decoration for his beret these days—a red feather and a green one. The red one proclaims him a contributor to the Community Chest, and one of the nurses gave him the green one for an added touch of color.

Personnel of the diversional Occupational Therapy Shop are ready and waiting to help patients get under way with their Christmas card designs, and with plans for Christmas gifts, too. And time is getting short, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, so . . .

Sergeant First Class **Sidney Hoskings,** patient on ward E-1, has been so overwhelmed lately by his two major interests—the football games and the horseraces—that he actually had to be reminded by the ward nurse that fairly frequent shaving was customary. He said he'd been so busy he just hadn't had time for it lately.

Title of "tallest patient at LGH" belonged to **Eugene Mayo** of ward 31, who recently received his discharge, but his record of 6 ft. 5 inches has now been put in the shade by First Sergeant **Ellsworth Lillard,** patient on ward F-2, who is 6 ft. 8 inches. Any other entries?

Reed L. Spackman, veteran patient on ward E-1, says it isn't so that it took four extra men to "hoist" him into the bus last Sunday when he went to the football game. His friends just wanted to be sure he got there.

Winner of the Red Cross chess club trophy for October was Sergeant **Myron Rose,** who had 40 points. Second place went to **Harlan Abshire,** veteran patient on ward 31, for his 31 points. **Tony Lamboy,** veteran, also on ward 31, was in third place with 28 points.

That dragon-embroidered red and white silk jacket belonging to Rct. **H. L. Grosdidier,** patient on ward 3, is occasionally loaned out, and when Pvt. **Martin Castiner** of ward 3 wore it recently to a dance everyone left the floor to watch him rhumba.

Twelve-year-old **Joe Linelli,** who is a patient on ward D-1, has his arm in a cast, but he doesn't let it stop him from willingly running many an errand for his fellow patients on the ward. They say they don't know what they'd do without him.

Next Friday, 19 November, the radio program "Women's Newspaper of the Air" will be broadcast over KNBC from the Presidio YMCA at 10:30 a. m. **Jane Lee** will interview a number of patients during the broadcast, so those who like to "get on the air" are urged to be at the "Y" to take part in the program next Friday.

Tom Newall, Jr., veteran patient on ward E-1, who lost his right arm when he was working to earn extra money during a furlough, is now learning one-hand typing technique, and is so interested in getting his speed up that he spends most of his time on the ward typing.

Corporal **Clyde Hart,** patient on ward E-1, feeling down and out because he couldn't go to the football games last week end (due to a complicated cast in which he is said to be "tied up like a pretzel"). He made the best of things by listening to the games on the radio, and is now feeling more cheerful.

Amelio Riccio, veteran patient on ward 42, faithful participator and frequent winner on the USAFI quiz show program at the Recreation Hall, astonished bystanders and listeners this week by breaking all records and winning $2, an unprecedented feat on this program. He sang a song, then did an encore, and nobody said anything about "Stop the Music!"

The big Football Dance scheduled for Wednesday, 17 November, at the Presidio YMCA, is getting the attention of experts, as regards decorations. In fact, a group of patients from ward 31 have formed themselves into an organization known as the "International Order of Be-Bops (Strictly Boobs)," and have said they will act as assistants to "Mom" Huber of the "Y" to decorate for this and future festivities. Every member of the organization holds an office, as follows: President, **Wally Husson;** vice-president, **John S. Bradvica;** secretary, **Bay S. Gunter;** treasurer, **Robert H. Doherty;** secretary-treasurer, **James M. Elliott,** and private secretary to the president, **Simon P. Ruff.** Long live the Be-Bops!

WAC OF THE WEEK



EVELYN M. MEADOWS
Sergeant

People who wait in line to register appointments at Out-Patient Service find Sergeant Evelyn Meadows smiling at them when they get to the window, and they're apt to decide that the wait wasn't so bad, after all. All Sergeant Meadows' assignments since she's been in the WAC have been in hospitals. She has performed a variety of duties and enjoyed all of them, she says.

Evelyn was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and attended Stonewall Jackson High School there. She was married while she was still in high school and she accompanied her husband, Captain James Meadows, to various posts in the United States before he went overseas. Captain Meadows was killed in action in December 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, and ten days later Evelyn joined the WAC.

She went to Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga., for basic training, and was then assigned to duty at Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, West Vt., within weekending distance of her home. During the two years she was at Ashford she worked in the personnel assignment office.

In July 1946 she was transferred to Pratt General Hospital at Miami, Fla., and there she was on duty in the Receivng and Information Office. After Pratt closed the following year, she was sent to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., where she remained until she came to LGH in September.

She requested assignment to Letterman, and is enjoying her first time in San Francisco. She's looking forward to indulging in her two favorite sports, golf and horseback riding.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Back from a honeymoon at Balboa Beach came the new **Mrs. Don Baum** on Monday morning. Since December 1943 she has been the medical artist for the surgical service and is better known as "Golly" than by her proper name **Elizabeth Von Lubken.** Her new name was assumed at a quiet wedding ceremony in the Presidio Post Chapel on 30 October with **Chaplain L. Lane McCammon** officiating. All good wishes to the newlyweds.

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Another Lettermanite who changed her name is **Zona Kepinger** of the Post Office. She exchanged vows with **William Carter,** formerly a patient at Letterman, and now a civilian working in San Francisco. They were married at the Presidio Post Chapel on 26 September with **Chaplain Vincent E. Nelson** officiating. We extend good wishes for every happiness.

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Mrs. Alice Thompson, manager of the Letterman Post Exchange, reports that the PX is getting more new merchandise every day and she promises plenty of toys for the Christmas season. **Mrs. Thelma Sterr,** who helps out during the rush seasons, will be lending a helping hand again this year. **Mary Lou Marshall,** PX, is back at work after a four day illness due to Virus X. **Jerrie Ivory,** assistant manager, returned from her vacation of two weeks which she spent painting her home. **Hazel McElhatton,** candy counter, is excitedly making plans for the arrival of her daughter and son-in-law from Omaha, Nebraska, who will arrive in time to share her Thanksgiving dinner and they will visit her until the first of the year.

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Signe Anderson, Chief Nurse's Office, spent two days recently in Albany visiting with friends.

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We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following new employees of Letterman: **Dewey Jan,** EENT Service, **Jean McManus,** Surgical Service, **Alice Marie Lund** and **Elizabeth Busch,** both of Laboratory Service. The three new civilian nurses are **Ruth Swinderman, Elvera Lindholm,** and **Genevieve R. Corboline.** Miss Corboline was formerly at Letterman as an army nurse and left LGH for Texas in 1942. We welcome her back again.

SHE CAME TO LETTERMAN TO WORK, BUT FOUND ROMANCE WAITING, TOO



Miss CHARLOTTE GARRETT
The diamond winks as she types.

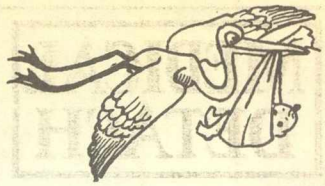
From the State of Washington to Washington, D. C., then back across the continent to California, thus the business itinerary of Miss Charlotte Garrett since she left her home town of Kansas City, Kansas. Variety has spiced her work, and she was in private industry, later with the Army Air Force, and then with the Navy, before coming to Letterman in April of 1946.

She had a variety of jobs here, too, before assuming her present duties as secretary of the Tumor Board. She began on that assignment last May, and her duties in that responsible and demanding position include attending and making transcripts of proceedings not only of the Tumor Board meetings, but also of clinical pathology conferences, staff meetings, various administrative conferences, and of the board with the imposing name of Radioactive Isotope and Nuclear Physics Board. Charlotte, who looks almost too petite to cope with all this, says happily that it keeps her busy and that's why she likes it so much.

Since she's been at Letterman she has worked in Physical Therapy Section, in Neurosurgery, as ward secretary for three wards, at Crissy Annex, and as secretary for the Chief of Neurosurgery. Although she asked for a transfer from Physical Therapy because she wanted a job where she would have more use for her shorthand, P. T. could be one of her favorite places at Letterman. It was while she was assigned there that she met Clinton Logas, who was then a patient here.

Before he was discharged from the hospital, he and Charlotte announced their engagement and a sparkling diamond was winking on Charlotte's left hand. They plan to be married after Clinton completes his college work. He is now studying at Stanford, and intends to go into public relations and advertising after he receives his degree.

In her leisure time Charlotte enjoys dancing and horseback riding, and likes to play miniature golf and pingpong.



To Sergeant and Mrs. Virgil L. Roane, a girl, **Patricia Lynn,** born 23 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Callistus E. Fager, a girl, **Anita Ann,** born 23 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Dana Bruce, a boy, **Christopher Dana,** born 24 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Frederick J. Viviani, a boy, **Ronald Fred,** born 25 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Hugh J. Christian, a girl, **Kathryn Susan,** born 25 October.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph R. Lyons, a boy, **Joseph R., Jr.,** born 25 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Isiah Patton, a boy, **Isiah, Jr.,** born 25 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Howard R. Fallon, a boy, **Michael Thomas,** born 25 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Alvin E. Allen, a boy, **James D.,** born 26 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Duane C. LaBaumBard, a girl, **Renee Annette,** born 26 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William W. Edmond, a girl, **Paulette,** born 26 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Charles D. Richardson, a girl, **Charles Delano,** born 27 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. George B. Smith, a girl, **Linda Jean,** born 28 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond L. Buhler, a girl, **Jeanette Frances,** born 30 October.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Quinter, a boy, **Michael Lawrence,** born 30 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Alvin Criswell, a girl, **Frances Louise,** born 30 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Edward A. White, a boy, **Paul Edward,** born 31 October.

To Corporal and Mrs. H. C. Gold, a girl, **Sue Louise,** born 31 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Jacob Gordon Watson, twins, a girl, **Connie Ruth,** and a boy, **Ronald Henry,** born 31 October.

To Corporal and Mrrs. Sylvester A. Green, a boy, **Robeert Edward,** born 31 October.

MEDICAL DETACH

Master Sergeant **John Law** of the Clearance Office has been studying the age-old art of safe-cracking! He testifies that his toolbox is in reality a strong box, but then the question arises—why the acetylene hose sticking out of the box?

Our apologies to Master Sergeant **Kenneth Robbins** of Troop Information and Education Office, who is now a patient on ward B-2. Last week his name was spelled "Roberts" in this column, and people didn't know who was meant.

Seen on the ramp—2nd Lieut. **Kenneth R. Dick,** CWS, formerly of the Detachment of Patients. He has just completed his Officer Candidate training and is presently stationed in Maryland. He made the jump from T/4 to 2nd Lieutenant, and looks sharp in his "Bold Look" uniform. He says he was presented with a wonderful graduation gift—a charming wife. His friends here wish him a successful tour of duty.

The men who are on the job sweeping and cleaning the ramps in the wee hours of the morning certainly deserve a little cooperation from the rest of us. How's about being careful to throw papers and dead cigarettes in the receptacles provided?

Sergeant **Al Vendouris** of Message Center is going to win a 1949 Ford—that's what **he** thinks, at least! Everyone hereabouts has been contributing box-tops, flaps and even the black bands from Palmolive soap. If he should find all of his entries to no avail, he is sure of a good supply of soap for the next 38 years.

Have you noticed all the old-timers on re-enlistment furloughs lately? To mention just a few, we have Master Sergeant **Robert Bergen,** the Sergeant Major; Sergeant First Class **Rudy Schellhorn** of the ENC Clinic; Sergeant First Class **Charles Wilcox** of the Machine Shop; Sergeant **Paul Jewell** of the Sergeant Major's Office, and Master Sergeant **Roy B. Paulson** of the Detachment of Patients. Along with this general furlough exodus we find that Sergeant **Harold DuGay** has received a change of station, and is now in the recruiting business in Sacramento.

ABOUT "ROBIN HOOD" AND HIS NOTED COLLECTION OF REGIMENTAL INSIGNIA



Sergeant First Class HARVEY A. CHELF
The bears beware of his bow.

In a reticent attempt to avoid mentioning the fact that he served overseas during the war, Sergeant First Class Harvey A. Chelf, who has been a patient at Letterman since November 1947, told us that he had been at Fort Lewis, Washington, "off and on" for the past ten years. Since we knew in advance that he had been overseas, we finally elicited the fact that he served in the European Theatre from November 1942 until September 1944. He calls September 13 of that year his lucky day, because although he was wounded in combat in Germany that day and has been in Army hospitals ever since, "I'm here and I'm getting around," he says.

While in the ETO he served in many major campaigns, including North Africa, the invasion of Sicily, the Omaha Beach landing in France, and went on into Belgium, Holland and Germany. During these campaigns he was wounded eleven times.

Sergeant Chelf was born in Amarillo, Texas, but unlike most Texans, he does not consider that state the "one and only." He has been in all 48 states, and Colorado is his favorite. He joined the Army in Denver in 1934, and hopes to return to duty when he is discharged from the hospital, with a view to completing 20 years of service.

He has made a lot of friends at Letterman, and is particularly well known here on two counts: for his collection of regimental insignia and for his skill as an archer, which has earned him the nickname of "Robin Hood." He formerly had a collection of insignia numbering 3000, many of them obtained overseas, but it was stolen. Nothing daunted, he began another since he has been at Letterman, and now has about 300 collected.

He is an expert with the bow and arrow, makes his own arrows, and has recently been helping out at the gym as archery instructor. He enjoys target shooting, but prefers to shoot game, and has killed a deer and a bear with bow and arrow. The bearskin is now a rug in Sergeant Chelf's cabin in Colorado.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Once again the Hospital Train Unit has the pleasure of welcoming a new Detachment Commander. This time First Lieut. **Robert W. Wier** assumes command, relieving Captain **Charles A. Toombs,** who may now devote his time to his duties as Adjutant and Evacuation Officer; duties which he has been doing for the past months in addition to that of Detachment Commander. First Lieut. Wier is extended a most hearty welcome as the HTU C. O.

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When things happen around Crissy Annex they seem to happen all at once. Not only the addition of our new Detachment Commander to mark the past history-making week, but the loss of our First Sergeant seems to be the straw that broke the camel's back. First Sergeant **Tea Garland** is on orders to depart for Camp Erwin, California for duty and is to leave some time this week. Picturing the Detachment Orderly room without his booming voice and six foot plus stature is something very hard to imagine. As yet the identity of the new First Sergeant has not been revealed, but the job is tentatively being held by Corporal **Reginald D. Johnson,** who is doing a remarkable job.

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Re-enlistments seem to be quite the thing. At least that is most certainly the opinions of Sergeants **Paulino Magale** and **Harry Kuroiwa** who, like Corporal **Ines F. Singson** signed their names on the dotted line for three more years. Those of the conflicting school of thought include Pfc. **William E. Barr** and Pvt. **Allen MacDonald,** who are returning to the grind of civilian life this week.

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Last week we mentioned that Sergeant First Class **John Cook** was seen smoking a pipe. A dainty little number at that! Reports came in that he now was seen sporting a cigar. We sincerly hope that the publicity given him in this column hasn't altered his smoking habits.

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A Hospital Train arrived Tuesday from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, bringing back the remainder of this unit's personnel who left here on the Hospital Train 15 October 1948. Welcome home, but we hear New York was great.

Troop Information And Education

The progress of USAFI has been marked by continuous change and development. In the early stages of the war, primary emphasis was placed on courses that contributed directly to military efficiency. Later, when victory came and Armed Forces personnel began to look toward a return to civil life, greater emphasis was placed on the subjects and services that might be helpful when civilian jobs would be resumed or civilian education taken up again.

Since the end of hositilities, the objectives of USAFI have been modified to meet changing situations. Currently, it is the mission of USAFI to assist in accomplishment of the objectives common to the education programs of the Armed Forces. For the Army these objectives are as follows:

1. To provide the education necessary for the soldier to perform his assigned duties efficiently, and to enable him to understand the significance of those duties.

2. To enable the soldier to meet the educational requirements for promotion.

3. To provide continuing educational opportunities for the soldier.

4. To assist the soldier to employ his leisure time profitably and to satisfy his intellectual interests.

As a means of keeping the USAFI program constantly abreast of the changing needs of the Armed Forces, the USAFI staff makes a continuing survey of the educational interests of Armed Forces personnel. As needs for additional courses arise, changes are made in the USAFI curriculum. USAFI is the core of the Army Education Program.

Through the facilities of the Army Education Program, members of the Army may further their education in a wide range of subjects. There are 324 correspondence, self-teaching, and group study courses available in the elementary, high school, vocational, technical, and college fields.

The Army Education Program does not give academic credit for courses completed nor does it suggest to civilian schools how much credit to grant individuals for educational attainment in the Army. However, through the efforts and cooperation of the Commission on Accreditation of the American Council on Education, high schools, colleges, and State Departments of Education of the 48 states are most cooperative in granting academic credit to individuals for educational attainments accomplished through the Army Education Program.

New Device May Revolutionize Military Communications Setup

By Armed Forces Press Service

Ultrafax, a mechanism that sends over a million words a minute, is destined to revolutionize all forms of military communications!

This new electronic-photographic device was hailed by Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff (Retired), RCA head, as "equal in world significance" to the splitting of the atom. He estimated that Ultrafax can send as much military intelligence, properly scrambled for secrecy, into the Pentagon in ten minutes as wartime devices were capable of sending in 24 hours.

Miracles of the future, hitherto available only in science fiction, actually come true via Ultrafax. In a trial test held in Washington, the entire text of the gigantic novel *Gone With the Wind* was relayed through the airways in two minutes and 21 seconds.

Video's First Cousin

Labeled a first cousin of Video, Ultrafax can also beam maps, drawings or letters on its micro-wave runways. Commercially, it will be possible to project a given movie from one central point to every screen in the nation.

In a short time, New Yorkers may be able to mail a letter to San Francisco and expect delivery within the hour. Experts estimate the sender will spend about a dime for such services.

Newspapers will someday come rolling into the home—out of a machine. This may be done by an attachment on a regular television set that also provides for mail pick-up and delivery.

"Hot" Photography

Briefly, Ultrafax is just a varied combination of television, micro-wave relay and "hot" photography. As most people know, movies flash a series of pictures (frames) onto a screen so fast—24 frames a second—that the human eye sees only a moving panorama. TV, using the same principle, stepped it up to 30 frames per second.

Ultrafax chops the frame up into 525 lines and sends it at television speed. On the receiving end, an extremely high-speed camera records the frames on film, then develops and drys them at the rate of a million words a minute. Each frame then becomes a page of usable text.

Sends Unbreakable Code

Probably Ultrafax's most important military factor is its ability to send an unbreakable code. The scanner (special camera) that photographs each of the 525 parts can "take" them in any order. For example, it may first send Line 4, then Line 6, then Line 1, and so forth. The receivers would be pre-set for an identical order, thus obtaining a perfect frame.

Trans-Atlantic television, always considered remote, may not be far off due to Ultrafax.

Tall Story

Fish Swim, Walk, Fly—and Get Caught

Washington, D. C. (AFPS)—Don't scoff at your buddy's fish story.

After all, there are 40,000 types of fish.

As a matter of fact, there are more fish than any other backboned animal in existence, and more varieties of fish than all varieties of mammals, birds, reptiles or amphibians combined.

Dr. Leonard P. Schultz, Smithsonian Institution curator of fishes, recently declared:

"Not all (fish) are creatures that can exist only in water and move only by swimming. Some walk. Some fly. Some breathe air and some water. Some are placid, others nervous and easily irritated. Among them are the timid and fearless, the lazy and energetic, the mild and the bloodthirsty."

The Philippine goby is one of the smallest fish, less than an inch long and weighing less than a hundredth of an ounce. On the other hand, the whale shark has been known to weigh 20 tons.

The stingray, a close relation to the shark, is one of the most poisonous fish, possessing poison barbs more than a foot long. The most blood-thirsty fish is the piranha of the Amazon with jaws which work like pruning shears.

Dr. Schultz explained that the largest sharks are entirely harmless but the great white shark and the hammerhead are extremely dangerous when excited by blood.

Some fish hibernate in ice. Fresh water fish freeze at a temperature a little lower than the freezing point of fresh water so that they can be in a block of ice and still not be frozen.

Which all proves that you have to be careful of those fish yarns you hear.

The butcher was waiting on a customer when a woman rushed in and demanded 20 cents worth of cat meat "at once." Turning to the first customer, she added: "That is, if you don't mind."

"Not at all," was the answer, "since you are as hungry as that."

Answering the Veterans Queries

Forty-six paraplegic veterans—paralyzed from the waist down—are enrolled at the University of California at Los Angeles this fall.

This is the largest group of "wheel chair scholars" ever to be enrolled at U.C.L.A. Veterans Administration believes it is the largest group on any campus in the United States. Twenty-six are old students, twenty are new students.

Special campus facilities, parking space, housing arrangements and counseling services have been set up for the paraplegic G-I students.

G-I insurance is still available to World War II veterans who served between October 8, 1940, and September 2, 1945, even though they failed to take it out while in service, Veterans Administration said.

Question: I am a disabled veteran. Am I entitled to increased compensation because of my dependents?

Answer: If your disability rating is 60 per cent or more, you should submit to Veterans Administration documentary evidence of the existence of a wife or child or evidence of dependency of your parents so that you may qualify for increased compensation payments under Public Law 877 of the 80th Congress.

Question: My father is supporting a large family. May I claim him as a dependent while I am in training under the G-I Bill?

Answer: Dependency will be held to exist if your father does not have an income sufficient to provide reasonable maintenance for himself and members of his family under legal age, or members of his family otherwise dependent by reason of mental or physical incapacity.

Question: I am going to college under the G-I Bill and would like to know whether I will have to refund the tuition if I leave school before the end of the school year?

Answer: If you drop out of college before the end of the period for which tuition has to be paid by Veterans Administration, you will have to pay VA for the time you did not attend school or you will lose the training time covered by the payments.

Question: Is the amount of disability compensation iin any way affected by the amournt of money I earn or receive from other sources?

Answer: No.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Organization Day Plans Are Almost Completed

Plans for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of this hospital on Wednesday, 1 December, were almost complete at the end of the week. The committee appointed by General Cole to arrange the program has made considerable progress and there are but a few small details remaining to be accomplished.

The Occupational Therapy section has done yeoman service as its contribution to the day. Captain Ada Marie Bowers, chief therapist, has been ably assisted by Lieut. Louise Lindow, Lieut. "Pat" Marcy, and Mrs. Esther Bess. The invitations printed in gold ink were turned out by Mrs. Bess, while the hand press in the functional occupational therapy shop ably handled by "Pat" Marcy brought the posters streamers into being.

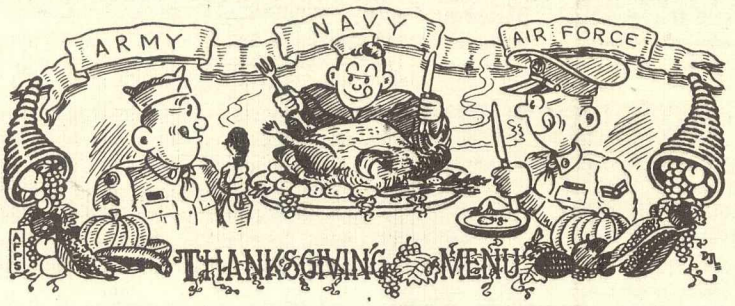
The Red Cross section, under Miss Anna Mahony, is working on the program for patient participation on the wards for the most appropriately decorated ward with a prize of a giant birthday cake to the winner. Tray and table favors are also in the plans of Miss Mahony and her group.

The Mess Department will serve a special birthday dinner at noon with menus printed in gold on red cards to add color to the occasion. The menus are the work of Mrs. Bess.

The ceremonies will take place in the patio at 1300 with Colonel James B. Stapleton as the master of ceremonies. A band concert will follow and there will be open house for visitors.

A special cachet in honor of the anniversary will be distributed to the collectors and by special arrangement with the Postmaster of San Francisco all mail originating here will be cancelled by Letterman postmark.

Organization Day will be a holiday for military personnel and all duties except the care of the sick suspended for the day.



Minted Melon Cocktail

Celery Hears *Rose Radishes* *Ripe Olives*

Roast Tom Turkey

Southern Dressing *Giblets in Wine Sauec*

Snow Flake Potatoes *New Garden Peas with Butter*

Fresh Cranberry Orange Salad

Toasted Leaf Rolls

Pumpkin Pie *Mince Meat Pie*

Ice Cream Pecan Roll

Coffee *Tea* *Milk*

Fresh Fruit Assorted

Nuts *Candy*

Cigars *Cigarettes*



Army Inductees to Be Screened for Loyalty to U. S.

Washington (AFPS)—The Army has announced that all inductees who indicate they are members of a subversive organization as listed by Attorney General Tom Clark may have their induction postponed indefinitely or may be rejected.

The Army disclosed that before a man takes the Service oath he will be required to complete a loyalty form, certifying that he is not, or has not been a member of any one of the 83 subversive organizations listed by the Attorney General.

If the inductee states that he has been—but is no longer—a member he will be given a second form to complete on which his personal history, his family's history and all connections with the subversive organizations are to be listed.

An investigation of all statements made in the second form will be made by the Army, the registrant is warned.

Inductees must complete a third form if they still hold membership in any of the 83 organizations. They must show proof of membership and furnish date of entrance to the organization. If this paper is signed in the affirmative, the inductee may be rejected or his induction held up on the grounds of disloyalty to the United States.

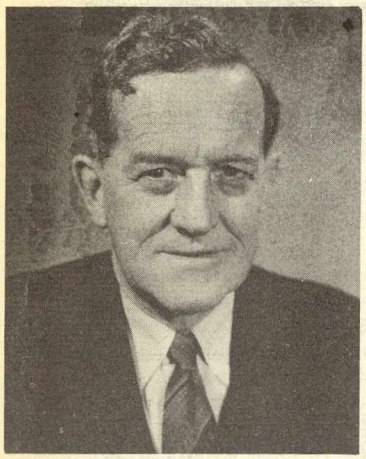
Another announcement coming out of Washington concerns the speed-up of the processing of Reserve officers' applications for active duty.

Reserve officers may now apply directly to the Adjutant General for such duty instead of submitting application to local Reserve instructors as heretofore.

Under the new procedure, a Reserve officer will be notified in a matter of days whether or not he will be returned to active duty.

A Bank at Our Back Door is Appreciated - - And Used

The veracity of the old adage about a banker's heart being as hard as—whatever you care to name—is not borne out by the evidence given us by the people who handle the funds of the Presidio branch of the American Trust Company—our own bank. They not only accept money with a smile but



EARL L. McCARGER
Manager

loan it out with evident appreciation, and that makes everyone happy. True, you must have security for the latter but would you call that unreasonable?

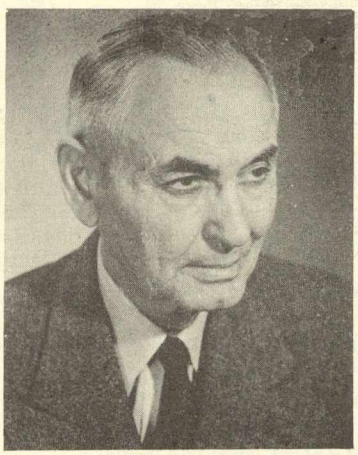
It is five years now since the American Trust Company first opened up for business at our back door, or to be specific, on the Presidio reservation on Graham Street. It was first known as the Presidio Banking Facility. It was an office to expedite the deposit and withdrawal of money, and served as a convenience for Financial officers and the custodians of various funds, saving them daily trips to banks outside the post.

Over two years ago, in August 1946, the "facility" became a full-fledged branch bank, and has since been known as the Presidio office of the American Trust Company. The office became a branch bank and complete banking services are available to Army personnel and to civilian employees.

Three types of bank accounts may be opened: Savings, regular checking accounts and special checking accounts. The special checking accounts afford a particular convenience for those who do not wish to keep a specific sum of money in a commercial account. They may be opened for any amount, and there is no service charge. The only cost is 10 cents for each check, and books of 10 checks for $1 or 20 checks for $2 are available.

The matter of loans also falls into three divisions, and arrangements may be made through the bank on the post for personal loans, automobile loans or real estate loans.

Safekeeping envelopes are available for valuable papers, and the charge is $1 a year. These safekeeping accounts were initiated during the war as a temporary and limited substitute for safe deposit boxes, and since the shortage of the



GEORGE MUNTEANU
Teller

latter still exists, they are still in use.

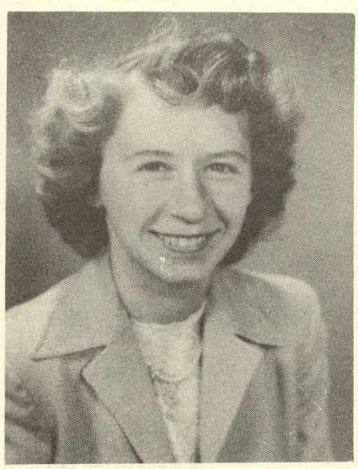
Travelers checks, in desired denominations, are sold at the branch bank. United States Savings Bonds are issued and redeemed, and if desired, the bank will make automatic withdrawals from savings or checking accounts for the purchase of a bond a month. Armed Forces terminal leave bonds may be redeemed, cashiers checks and bank money orders are issued and of course, checks are cashed.

The bank's trust department takes care of trust accounts, wills and estate matters. Security orders, for buying and selling stocks listed on the exchanges, are also handled.

The bank is open on weekdays from 10 to 11 a. m. and from noon until 3 p. m., and on Saturdays from 10 a. m. until noon. Earl L. McCarger, the manager, who has been at the branch ever since it was opened as a "facility," is on hand to help customers with their banking requirements He is ably assisted by George Munteanu, June Leitch and David L. Thomson, the three tellers.

Mr. McCarger was born in Oakland, but has lived in San Francisco most of his life and has been in banking all during his business life, having begun as a bank messenger. He has been with the American Trust Company since 1922. He was at the Geary-18th Branch for a time, and then was in the new business department at the bank's main office until he came to the Presidio in 1943. He is a past president of the San Francisco chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

He is interested in working for the prevention of juvenile delinquency, and is active in a number of civic organizations. He is neighborhood commissioner for the Presidio Boy Scouts of America, vice-chairman of the board of governors



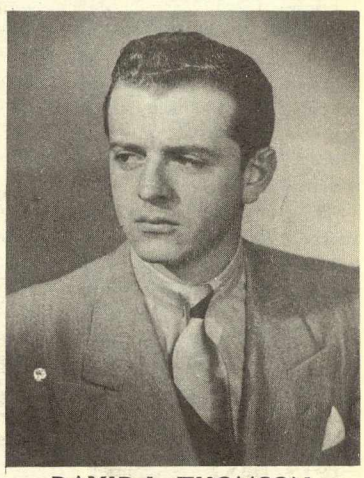
JUNE LEITCH
Teller

of the Army YMCA, and a member of Acorn Lodge 494, F & A M. He and Mrs. McCarger make their home in the Marina.

Colonel George Munteanu joined the banking staff shortly after his retirement from active service in 1944. He is well known locally both in civilian and military circles and has a long record of duty at the Presidio ending with the command of that post. He took into retirement with him the respect and affection of the forces stationed at the Presidio during his tenure of command, and he brought to the banking business the same good qualities of head and heart which made him such an outstanding post commander. We suspect very often that customers walk into the Presidio bank just to chat with the colonel and leave with a feeling of satisfaction akin to having made a large deposit.

Miss June Leitch, the only feminine member of the staff, commutes daily from her home town, Sausalito, and so far her commuting has been done in the usual way, but her co-workers wouldn't be surprised to have her fly to work one of these days, since a large part of her off-duty time is spend in the air. She has a private pilot's license, with 250 hours in the air to her credit. She learned to fly during the war when private planes in this area were grounded, so she went to Nevada for her training. She is a member of the San Francisco chapter of American Airwomen, Inc. The chapter has its own plane and the members share it among them.

Miss Leitch is a graduate of Tamalpais High School and Marin Junior College. She has been with the bank for the past three years, and worked in the Marina office, the Palace Hotel office and the Matson Building office before coming to the Presidio. Besides flying, which is her major off-duty interest, she



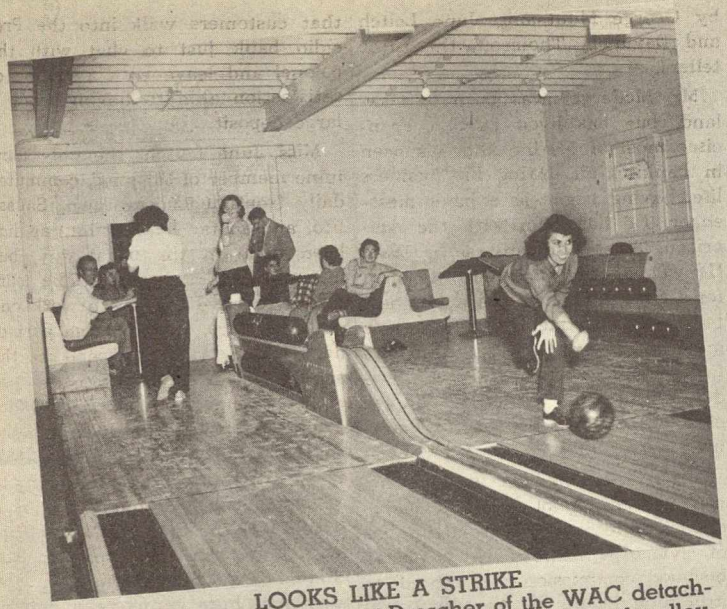
DAVID L. THOMSON
Teller

also enjoys tennis, swimming and ice skating.

Mr. David L. Thomson came to the Presidio branch recently after two years with the company. He was formerly at the head office and at the Geary-18th Branch.

He is a native of San Francisco, and a graduate of the Bates School here. During the war he served as a radio staff officer with the merchant marine for three years.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE

Sergeant First Class Margaret Drescher of the WAC detachment wears that happy look as she sends one down the alley.



EARLY MORNING BANKING

These customers were on hand one morning recently when the American Trust Company Presidio Branch opened, and they all got prompt attention. Behind the counter, L to R: George Munteanu, David L. Thomson, Earl L. McCarger, manager, and June Leitch. One Lettermanite is among those present: Mrs. Mary Stein of Military Personnel, second from right.



ANY OLD JUNK?

Not a picture from the past, as you might think. Cpl. Sally Craig took it one day recently near Mission Dolores when she took camera-conscious patients on a field trip.



HILL-BILLY BAND ABOUT TO BROADCAST

Ready to go on the air over Station KLGH, the Hill-Billy Band directed by Sgt. First Class Guy Shortz. L to R (Standing): Cpl. Don Rupe, ward 40; M-Sgt. R. L. Stone, ward E-2; Sgt. Rusty Beshears, ward 43; (Seated): Michael Stern, veteran, ward 30; Pfc. Joseph O'Dwyer, ward 43.

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EDITORIAL

THANKSGIVING

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, and President Truman, in his proclamation setting the day, asked for divine guidance to help the Nation safeguard freedom and peace.

"I call upon our citizens to observe that day by giving thanks to Almighty God for the bounties which have been bestowed upon our Nation and by resolving to render generous assistance to the hungry and homeless in other lands, thus renewing our devotion to the cause of goodwill among men," Mr. Truman said.

Thanksgiving Day can be a time for personal as well as for national thanksgiving. Often we are too absorbed in thinking of and reaching out for what we want next to take time to be grateful for what we already have.

In his book, "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe had something thought-provoking to say about thankfulness. It's worth thinking about: "All our discontents about what we want appeared to me to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have."

Self-knowledge is best learned, not by contemplation, but by action. —**Goethe.**



A welcome goes this week to an Army Nurse Corps newcomer—First Lieut. **Joy B. Crain,** ANC. She comes to Letterman from Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, and is currently on duty on ward A-1.

A few weeks ago Miss **Mary Maher,** niece of a former Letterman nurse, Lieut. Col. **Edna Maher,** joined the staff of civilian nurses here, having applied for commission in the Regular Army. Her orders arrived this week, and 2d Lieut. Maher will now be leaving shortly for basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston.

First Lieut. **Betty Hearne** of Physical Therapy is a patient on ward P-1, and would welcome visits from her friends here.

First Lieut. **Ida Farris,** WMSC, of the dietitions staff, returned this week from San Antonio, where she had been taking a two-week course in Mess Administration at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Both Captain **Eugenia P. Williams** ANC, and First Lieut. **Anne E. Henning** ANC, will be leaving shortly for duty in the European Command, and they are now enjoying a pre-embarkation leave.

Wedding bells are in the offing for First Lieut. **Doris A. Ellison** ANC, who was relieved from active duty this week. She will be in the southern part of the State for a time before she is married, and has not made a definite announcement of her plans as yet.

First Lieuts. **"Beejay" Stevenson** and **Julie Shellchock** of the dietitians staff returned this week from a few days spent in Las Vegas with Lieut. Stevenson's family, and both had more than enough suntan to prove that they did not indulge unduly in the indoor sport for which Las Vegas is famous.

No sooner did First Lieut. **Leath Shaffer** of Physical Therapy complete her redecorating project on her apartment than she had house guests from Seattle. One was **Beverly Wight,** formerly a Lettermanite.

WAC

Corporal **Norma I. Underhill** of Central Service is beginning a 30-day leave this week, and when she returns to duty it will be with a brand-new name. On 7 December, in the Presidio Chapel, she will become the bride of Sergeant **Raymond Douglas** of EENT Service. After a honeymoon in Northern California, Norma and her husband will visit his family in Denver. Sergeant Douglas is receiving his discharge in December and plans to go to medical school in Denver, so Norma will be transferring in the near future to Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** CO of the detachment, and Corporal **Rose Casilio,** who had both been spending 30-day leaves in the East, met in Syracuse, N. Y., and drove back to San Francisco together in Captain Woodworth's car. They had two lively companions on the trip —Captain Woodworth's two spaniels.

Eleven members of the detachment took promotion examinations this week and are now waiting with bated breath and tattered fingernails to hear the results.

When Sergeant **Anne Benich** arrived for duty at Letterman recently she was pleasantly surprised to find two among Letterman personnel whom she had known at former stations. Sergeant **Esther Hart** is one, and former WAC Sergeant **Hannah Goldberg** is the other.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** modeled her new suit for the WACs in the orderly room one morning this week before taking off en route to Pennsylvania on her 30-day leave. The girls ribbed her about being so conscientious about her stripes, even when out of uniform—it seems the new suit is gray, with stripes.

With a voice full of sympathy, Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton** told about how Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis,** barracks sergeant in 213, had to make bed check at 6:30 a. m. and how she had difficulty finding the occupants of the beds on these chilly mornings because they were buried under an accumulation of all available bedding. Her sympathy with the early riser is about to be put to the test. Sergeant Davis is on leave, and the barracks sergeant replacing her is—yes, none other than Sergeant Eaton.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 21 November, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Great Books

The Great Books Foundation is sponsoring discussion groups in San Francisco for the first time. The plan originated in Chicago several years ago, and Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, is chairman. It is an adult education program designed to help solve today's problems in the light of the great thinkers and writers of the past.

The program functions through group discussions held every two weeks under the guidance of two trained group leaders. Paper editions of the books studied during the course of a year are available at the nominal cost of $9.60.

If you are interested in having a group at Letterman General Hospital please leave your name and phone number with the librarian. There are no dues, no educational requirements and anyone is welcome: duty personnel, patients and civilians.

Bridge Classes

An eight-week course of classes in contract bridge will begin Thursday, 2 December, at the Army YM CA. Classes are limited to 20 persons, and are open to both military and civilian personnel of the post, with a registration fee of $2. They will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

NOTICE

The FOGHORN will not be published on Saturday 27 November and Saturday 4 December. Issues number 16 and 17 will be combined in a Special Anniversary edition to be published on 1 December 1948—the 50th anniversary of the organization of this general hospital.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ANNE BENICH
Sergeant

Though she has to be coaxed to talk about it, Sergeant Anne Benich remembers with pleasure the three years she spent playing professional basketball on the St. Louis All-Stars team.

It was just happenstance that she got on the team, she says. They were playing her home town, one of the members of the team had had an accident, and since Anne was well known locally as an excellent player, she filled in. As a result she was asked if she would like to join the team. Her nickname is "Anne Howe," and her response to the invitation was phrased just that way —"an' how!"

Anne was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but grew up and went to school in Zanesville, Ohio. While she was with the St. Louis All-Stars she traveled extensively in the eastern states and as far west as Texas. Later she lived in Cincinnati, and in March 1943 she enlisted in the WAC (then the WAAC), and went to Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga., for basic training. Her first duty station was Camp Campbell, Ky., where she was assigned to learn the duties of a dental technician via on-the-job training. She was afraid she wouldn't be able to do the work—"at first I was actually afraid to pick up an instrument," but she learned it and liked it, which is just as well, since she has had dental assignments ever since.

She was at Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky., Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, West Vt., and Pratt General Hospital, in Florida, before coming to Letterman in September.

It's not bad luck to have a black cat follow you, unless you're a mouse.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Most eventful day of the week for Private **Benjamin Butler** of ward E-1 was the day he graduated from wheelchair ambulation to ambulation on crutches. He denies that it took the two ward nurses a full half day to accomplish the transition, but he is still seen casting wistful glances at the wheelchair, no doubt due to the fact that he hasn't yet become as expert in the manipulation of the crutches as he was with the chair.

Sergeant **Reuben Beshears,** patient on ward 43, gets compliments even from the experts—Occupational Therapy personnel, that is—on his leatherwork. They say he is doing some of the nicest hand tooling seen hereabouts in some time. He is now making a handsome purse, and he enjoys the craft so much that he has bought his own tools.

After spending a long time as a bed patient, Corporal **Charles Hodges** of ward K-2 is now a member of the Wheelchair Corps, and glad of it. So far he has not been off the ward, but he expects to go gadding on the ramp in the near future.

First Lieut. **Rudolph B. Davilla,** patient on ward D-2, was being helpful in the Troop Information and Education office the other day, translating some letters written in Spanish. Proved he could turn Spanish into English at a fast pace, too.

Next Wednesday evening, 24 November, a Thanksgiving formal dance will be held at the Army YMCA, with music by **Walt Tolleson** and his 12-piece dance orchestra. Two Letterman patients, **Wally Husson** and **Ray Gunter,** both of ward 31, have been working like the well-known beavers on the decorations for the occasion.

We could say something about the Thanksgiving holiday being no holiday for the two Hollidays, by which we mean that both Sergeant **Thomas Holliday** and his wife, **Joy Holliday,** are both patients at Letterman at present. He is on ward 41, and Mrs. Holliday is on ward M-2.

Corporal **Alfred Jackson,** patient on ward E-2, is using his time in the hospital to good advantage, and is currently studying both shorthand and English. Its' reported that he and Corporal **Willie Williams,** also a patient on ward E-2, like to compete with one another on various projects, but there's no report as to whether Willie is going along with Alfred on the studying deal.

The Army "Y" has been having a weekly football guessing contest, and Master Sergeant **Herbert Woodward** of Physical Reconditioning selects the games. Prizes of cigarettes, pipes, wallets and fountain pens are given to those who pick the largest number of winners. Eight LGH patients have been winners in recent weeks: First Sergeant **Arthur M. Ferguson,** ward 2; Pfc. **John McCreal,** ward K-3; Pvt. **E. Fitch,** ward 2; Pfc. **T. Gussardo,** ward 1; Corporal **Elby Quick,** ward 43; First Sergeant **Frank Livingston,** ward 2; Sergeant **Richard J. Harvey,** ward C-48; Pfc. **Leslie Engel,** ward 1. Both Sergeant Ferguson and Pfc. McCreal were in the list of winners twice, Ferguson having 18 correct out of 20 on both occasions, and McCreal 15 out of 20.

If you hear music as you walk along the ramp, it's likely to be coming from the little red radio belonging to Pfc. **Elihu Bennett** of St. Louis, Mo., patient on ward B-2. He's fast getting to be known as the "man who makes music wherever he goes," because whenever he leaves the ward he takes the radio along.

Captain **Frank Douglas,** again on ward D-2, is already sufficiently recovered after his recent operation to be back in his old spot on the ramp, cheerfully chatting with the passersby.

Sergeant First Class **Loren Parmalee** of ward 31 is being haunted these days by Mrs. **Margaret Merry,** volunteer teacher here, in an effort to get him to complete his GED tests. He says he wants to finish them, but other matters seem to interfere somehow.

Sergeant **Basil Ingram,** patient on ward 41, is busy in the Occupational Therapy Shop designing an intricate cigarette container and a matchbox, both ceramics. The design is so intricate he's still figuring out just how it will work. The container is a well with a bucket, and the matchbox is in the shape of a woodbox.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CHARLES H. WERRY
Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Werry of the Air Force, who is a patient on ward 30, is one man who is not very fond of the ocean—and no wonder. In 1947 when he was on a run between Hawaii and Hamilton Field the C-54 on which he was flight engineer ran out of gas about two hours out of Hawaii. They radioed for help after making a forced landing on the water, and took to their life raft, expecting rescue within a few hours. Five days later a passing ship happened to see them and picked them up.

Sergeant Werry was born in Chanute, Kansas. Since his father's work obliged him to travel extensively, Charles has a believe-it-or-not record of having attended 55 different schools.

In June of 1941 he enlisted in the Air Force and was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for basic training, then to Lowry Field for armament school. Later he went to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as an armament instructor.

He volunteered for overseas duty in 1944, but after being given B-29 training, he was sent to Salina, Kansas, as gunnery instructor. After the war ended he re-enlisted in Florida for the ATC and after a year during which he made a number of flights over the south Atlantic, he was transferred to Hamilton Field, and was a flight engineer on the south Pacific runs.

He came to Letterman as a patient last April. The reason: The motorcycle he was riding had a disagreement with two trees and he was in the middle. He expects to return to duty in a few weeks now.

"Where did you and your wife meet?"

Meet? Heck, she overtook me."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Carlos Sena, formerly in the Chaplain's office, visited with friends and renewed acquaintances at Letterman last week during a brief visit to San Francisco. Carlos is making arrangements to attend morticians' school in San Francisco and will return in April to start his schooling.

Katherine O'Shea, Hospital Inspector's office, and **Margaret Finnigan,** Hospital Train Unit, attended the St. Mary-Portland football game last Saturday and they are pleased over the outcome because they were rooting for St. Mary's and their rooting paid off.

Max Rohwer, the human dynamo at the local filling station, was a sad man over the week end because his favorite Dodge got the worst of an encounter with a foreign bumper. However, he gave the affair his personal attention and by Monday evening Max was smiling again. And when he smiles—he really smiles.

Proof that the gals in the Dental Clinic enjoy traveling was in evidence recently when **Leonne Brennan** journeyed to Stockton while **Bea Cohn** enjoyed a visit to Napa. **Emily Knepp, Lillian Jones** and Lillian's sister, **Grace,** spent a week end at their favorite spot, Rio Del Mar.

Olga Radich, Training Section office, celebrated her 18th birthday recently and her sister, **Lydia,** shared honors that day too, being as that was her 17th birthday.

Mrs. **Stella Zumwalt,** Adjutant's office, spent three days leave recently "just resting up" at her home in Oakland, while Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room took a short trip to San Jose with her son and she reports a wonderful time.

Did we hear this right? **Mary Bensen,** Civilian Personnel office, attended the St. Mary-Santa Clara football game Sunday. She was rooting for St. Mary's—but sitting on the Santa Clara side!

Jim Sharp, Finance, is back at his desk after a week's illness at home.

A welcome is extended to the following civilian nurses who joined Letterman this week: **Ruth Halvorson, Helen Angstadt, Anita Dumas** and **Margaret Bland.**

"Last year I bought a horse that was supposed to be a hunter."

"How was he?"

"Rotten. All the time I had him, he never caught a thing."

MISS FERGUSON OF FISCAL LIKES BOTH MUSIC AND MATHEMATICS



Miss LILLIAN W. FERGUSON
Fiscal Clerk, Letterman Finance Office

As an officer in the WAC, Miss Lillian Ferguson came to know and like the Army way of doing things, and after she became a civilian again, she came right back to the Army as a civilian employee. She is fiscal clerk in the Finance Office here at Letterman.

Lillian was born in Vandalia, Missouri, near St. Louis, but her family moved when she was a baby, and while she was growing up she lived in six other states—Idaho, California, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Oregon. Her family now lives in Klamath Falls, Ore., but it looks as though Lillian is a confirmed Californian.

She attended Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, and has her B. A. degree from the University of Kansas. She taught in high school at Pierce, Colo. for a year, but decided she didn't care too much for teaching, and came to California.

Here in San Francisco she worked at Bowerman's Pharmacy on Post Street. Ever since she was a little girl she had liked drug stores, and she discovered it was as much fun to work in one as she had expected. Then in October 1942 she joined the WAC, went to Des Moines for basic training and remained there for 17 months. In the course of that time she served as acting first sergeant, attended OCS and received her commission in March 1943, then taught clerks' school.

In April 1944 she went to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, and worked as assistant medical supply officer and as laundry officer. "I really learned the laundry business," she says, "and I liked it." She was on that assignment until she received her discharge in January 1946, at which time she held the rank of 1st Lieutenant. After her return to San Francisco in February she began work here at Letterman where her affability and ready smile quickly won friends for her.

She has an apartment conveniently near the post, and when her out-of-town friends visit her, she likes to take them out in her car and show them around San Francisco. In her leisure time she enjoys swimming, horseback riding, and reading. But plays and concerts are tops on her list. She is particularly interested in music, and plays alto sax with the VFW band.



To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Frank A. Rodgers, III, a girl, **Jacklyn Ann,** born 31 October.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Herbert F. Bryant, a boy, **Herbert Franklin II,** born 31 October.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Clarence Madru, a boy, **Clarence Bert,** born 31 October.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert S. Bowman, a boy, **Robert Stacey,** born 1 November.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Charles Richard Welch, a boy, **Stephen Richard,** born 1 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Sidney Havard, Jr., a girl, **Verga Mae,** born 1 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert L. Tarver, a girl, **Charlotte Susanne,** born 2 November.

To Major and Mrs. Denis B. Grace, a girl, **Marilyn Callie,** born 3 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. James Richard Cicarelli, Sr., a boy, **James Richard, II,** born 3 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. David A. H..., a boy, **Nicholas Bruce Saffer,** born 4 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Samuel L. Packman, a boy, **Jerry,** born 4 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Malcolm C. Hollister, a boy, **John Carroll,** born 5 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William J. Boyd, a girl, **Mary Jane,** born 5 November.

Pvt. and Mrs. Buford D. Vieregge, Sr., a boy, **Buford Doyle, Jr.,** born 6 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Francis M. Sivak, a girl, **Thressa Doll,** born 7 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Ray Thompson, a girl, **Yvonne Lee,** born 8 November.

"Is the housing shortage bad where you're living now?"

"Bad? Well, this'll give you an idea. The place I'm living now is so small that if I die, they'll just put handles on the sides and carry me to the cemetery."

MEDICAL DETACH

Pfc. **Dick Raitt** has been enjoying himself on pass in Santa Monica, and while there he made further plans for his forthcoming wedding. The girl who made him a lucky man is Miss **Donna Smith** of Santa Monica.

Two members of the detachment have been winners recently in the football guessing contest at the Army YMCA. Pfc. **Grady H. Cathy** predicted 18 winners out of a possible 20 and Pfc. **Olin Johnson** had 17 correct.

Those who hover around the Message Center awaiting mail look enviously at Sergeant **Clarence von Reuden** of B-1 Dressing Room as he bears off his load of mail. Seeing him with a handful of letters and a bottle of merthiolate has led people to think he answers his mail with a pen dipped in merthiolate, and some have urged him to investigate the merits of ink.

Master Sergeant **Kenneth Robbins** of Troop Information and Education office got a hearty welcome this week when he returned to duty after spending several weeks on patient status. He even found a "get-well" card on his desk, all ready to be mailed, but he had taken the advice before he got it.

The red fireball that has been racing around Letterman lately is the hot rod belonging to Pfc. **Mike O'Toole.** He says he made it look the way it does with only 70 cents worth of red and silver paint. The fire-engine red paint job took him just two hours. He ignores the fact that the paint is already beginning to peel in spots.

Sergeant **Clayton Peters** of the Hospital Mess is at the Army "Y" on Tuesday evenings, busy turning out a nice collection of shell jewelry. He has made several combs and ornamental pins, and probably has a good start on his Christmas gift list by now.

Snarled the policeman, surveying the wrecks: "You must have seen that lady driving toward you. Why didn't you give her half of the road?"

Explained the motorist: "I was going to, as soon as I discovered which half she wanted."

HE'S DOING HIS PERSONAL PHYSICAL RECONDITIONING VIA HANDBALL



Major JAMES G. LONG
Chief of Physical Reconditioning MSC Branch

Major James G. Long, MSC, who recently received word of his permanent appointment to that rank in the Regular Army, came to Letterman in August as Chief of Physical Reconditioning Branch of Physical Medicine Service. He had similar assignments at two other Army hospitals before coming to Letterman, and brings to his task qualifications based on education, experience and inclination.

Major Long was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, and attended the University of Kentucky, where he majored in education, science and physical education. He was on the football team from 1932 to 1935, and was team captain in 1935. After receiving his degree, he taught in high school for a time, and was also athletic coach.

He had been commissioned in the Reserve Corps during his last year at college, and he was called to active duty in November of 1940. His first duty station was Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, where he spent a year and a half as company commander for headquarters company, Reception Center. In August 1942 he went overseas, landing in England. He participated in the campaigns in North Africa and in Italy, and was on overseas duty for more than two years.

After his return to the States Major Long was assigned as chief of Physical Reconditioning at the convalescent hospital at Camp Butner, North Carolina, and six months later went to Oliver General Hospital, August, Georgia, where he served in the same capacity. He was at Oliver until he came to Letterman two months ago.

Major Long and his wife Ruth have two children, a son and a daughter. Jimmie is nine, and Ann Carole is nearly two years old.

All of Major Long's pastimes and hobbies are in the field of sports, but he says football will always be his favorite. Just now he is going in for handball, and would like to contact others on the post who enjoy that exercise.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Train Unit has a new First Sergeant now in the person of M/Sgt. **Irwin E. Hulsey.** Good luck, Sergeant, and we promise to keep on speaking to you and treat you as an old friend.

"Queenie," the official mascot of the Train Unit, received a nice leather dog collar as a gift this week from **Alice Reynolds,** manager of the Crissy PX. Now Cpl. **William H. Jordon,** Queenie's pet, can take his dog out in style.

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to Sgt. **James Cisten** this week, but we wish him the best of everything at his new station, Percy Jones GH. Tragedy almost struck him just before his departure when his wife became ill with polio, but her case was mild and G-2 had her back on her feet in "jig time."

We would like to welcome all the new men who have joined the Detachment this week by name but there are just too many, so collectively we say "Welcome." It won't be long before you will be telling your friends what the railroad signals mean, but just a little information ahead of time for your coming trip the first week of December. If you are off the train and the engineer gives two short blasts, run for the train, "brother," as he is leaving.

As this is being written the Hospital Ship "Hope" is still scheduled to arrive the 26th of this month, but no one seems to know how many patients she has aboard. We do know she visited more ports than just Yokohama, which was a change in her plans.

Cpl. **Thomas Butler,** the former writer of this column, was discharged this week and intends to further his studies at Cornell University.

Cpl. **James Souder** is a very serious man these days as he nears the date for the examination for promotion to Sergeant. Jim is burning the midnight oil studying, and we doubt that he will have much trouble making these stripes.

Sergeant First Class **Albert Mills** has taken over a new job in the Maintenance Section which has just installed a new cost accounting system.

In the Library

Did you hear the 17th annual radio forum sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune during October? The broadcasts were on the subjects of Conservation of Natural Resources, the Conservation of Human Resources through Education, and National Politics in the International Crisis. The distinguished men who spoke at these sessions included Bernard Baruch, Louis Bromfield, Bernard De Voto, Fairfield Osborn and William Vogt.

If you would like to read on the subjects, the following list of books related to these forums may be borrowed from the Library:

Natural Resources

Bromfield, Louis—Malabar farm
Bromfield, Louis—Pleasant valley
De Roos, Robert—The Thirsty land
Faulkner, Edward—A second look
Osborn, Fairfield — Our plundered planet
Sears, Paul—Deserts on the march
Vogt, Wm.—Road to survival

Human Resources

Andrews, Bert—Washington witch hunt
Chase, Stuart — Proper study of mankind
Griffith, Beatrice—American me
Halsey, Margaret—Color blind
Lengyel, Emil — Americans from Hungary
McWilliams, Carey — A mask for privilege
Mulder, Arnold — American from Holland
Myrdal, Gumnar—American dilemma
Ottley, Roi — Black odyssey: the story of the Negro in America
Smith, Bradford — Americans from Japan

America's Elections and Political Traditions

Bean, Louis—How to predict elections
Macdonald, Dwight—Henry Wallace man and myth
McNaughton, Frank—This man Truman
Sherwood, Robert — Roosevelt and Hopkins
Stone, Irving—Earl Warren

Fiction

Alman, David—Well of compassion
Davenport, Marcia—East side, west side
Faulkner, William—Intruder in the dust
Hedden, Worth—The other room
Hobart, Alice—Cleft rock
Hobson, Laura—Gentlemen's agreement
Lewis, Sinclair—Kingsblood royal
Lin Yutang—Chinatown family
Petry, Ann—The street
Shaw, Irwin—Young lions
Smith, Lillian—Strange fruit
Steinbeck, John—Grapes of wrath
Smith, William—Last of the conquerors
Stewart, George—Fire

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Army and Air Force personnel may soon be permitted to invite civilian guests to post theaters. Heretofore, the only civilians admitted were dependents of personnel on active duty, and civilian employees residing on post.

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The Army will seek legislation requiring some of the 12,000 young doctors, educated at Government expense under ASTP, to enter active duty.

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Implementation of the Air Force career plan is being delayed by the necessity of publishing 20 to 25 career booklets to be followed by a revised classification manual.

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DA circular 66 is being amended to authorize re-enlistment of individuals losing more than 59 days but not exceeding 89 days, provided re-enlistment is accomplished the day following discharge.

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No Army personnel will be retired solely for defective hearing, if a hearing aid can bring the hearing to required standards.

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A new circular explaining procedure for withholding income tax has been approved for publication. The present $1,500 exemption for military personnel expires January 1, 1949.

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Due to housing shortages at many Army posts, personnel are being advised in a new circular to make housing arrangements before moving dependents on change of station.

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Final type physical examinations for officers retiring on length of service will be optional under new Army policy.

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Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall is considering a recommendation that the new Courts Martial Manual provide that no sentence exceeding six months will be adjudged unless a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge is also adjudged.

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The Warrant Officer integration program has been extended to the WAC and WAF. Joint directives make existing regulations apply to women, with certain specified exceptions.

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The Air Force is preparing a broad program of extension course instruction for all personnel.

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Military personnel taking GED tests now may pass with a score of less than 35 on any of the five parts, providing an overall score of 45 is made. Previously the overall score of 45 was required as well as 35 on each part.

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The Air Force has increased its November enlistment quota to 13,000, including 9,000 high school graduates, 2,700 others, and 1,300 Negro recruits. These are exclusive of re-enlistments, special enlistments for ETO, and 18-year-olds.

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Applications for Limited Duty commission in the Marine Corps have been opened to Warrant Officers and enlisted men of the first two pay grades.

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The first Navy-wide postwar examinations for promotion up to Chief Petty Officer will be held on December 1.

Reduction

'Operation Waistline' Features Banana Diet

Fort Lewis, Wash (AFPS)—'Tis sad but true. Bully beef on the hoof is out—but definitely—at this Army post.

Army medical officers have reported that "Operation Waistline," recently started here, is rapidly reducing the "heft" in the ranks.

Some of the current heavyweights, ranging from 225 to 260 pounds, have lost from 20 to 30 pounds in six weeks.

Here, fellow-gargantuans, is the secret: Daily diet is six bananas, a quart of skimmed milk, a half head of lettuce or cabbage, a quart and a half of water, coffee or tea minus the "side arms" and two vitamin pills. No, no beer!

Army Gives Further Aid To Europe Recovery Plan

Washington (AFPS)—The Army will lend further aid to the European Recovery Program by increasing its production of anhydrous ammonia, a critical item used in the manufacture of fertilizers.

Contracts have been awarded to the Hercules Powder Company for the transfer, erection and operation of ammonia manufacturing equipment from two former Army Ordnance depots.

The equipment consists of two ammonia production lines utilizing the French L'aire Liquid (liquid air) process. The plants were formerly located at the Missouri Ordinance Works in Louisiana and Missouri and the San Jacinto Ordnance Depot at Houston, Texas.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Between 2,000 and 3,000 subsistence checks mailed this month to Northern California veterans who enrolled in school this fall will be returned because the veteran has moved and failed to inform the Veterans Administration promptly of his new address, VA officials report.

Federal law prohibits mail carriers from forwarding a government check from one address to another. It must be delivered to the address on the check.

Checks which cannot be delivered will be returned to the Treasury Department and held there until the veteran submits a change of address to the San Francisco Regional office of the Veterans Administration.

A veteran whose eligibility for education under the G-I Bill runs out after he completes at least half of a school semester can complete the semester at government expense. He will receive subsistence allowances for the remaining period.

More than a million and a half World War II veterans were reported in training under the G-I Bill on September 30, 1948.

Of the 1,563,000 trainees, 897,500 were enrolled in schools and colleges, 267,000 in institutional on-farm training and 398,500 in job training.

On that date, 202,000 disabled veterans were in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16). The total included 77,500 in schools and colloges, 34,500 in institutional on-farm training and 90,000 in job training.

Question: What are the deadlines that apply if I wish to take my training under the provisions of the G-I Bill at a later date?

Answer: You may apply for training within four years from July 25, 1947, or within four years from the date of your discharge or separation from the armed services, whichever is later. You must finish your training by July 25, 1956.

Question: Will the Government pay funeral expenses for a World War I veteran who dies of a non-service-connected disabilty?

Answer: Funeral expenses, up to $150, will be paid by the Government in the death of any World War I veteran discharged under condition other than dishonorable.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Letterman is Fifty Years Old Today—Still A Youngster

Today Letterman commemorates the 50th anniversary of its establishment as a general hospital of the United States Army.

At 1330 this afternoon in the patio of the hospital there will be formal ceremonies held in honor of the occasion. Colonel Alvin L. Gorby, Sixth Army Surgeon, will represent the Surgeon General and be the principal speaker of the day. General Frank L. Cole, Letterman commander, will welcome the visitors at the start of the program and former commanders will be present to participate.

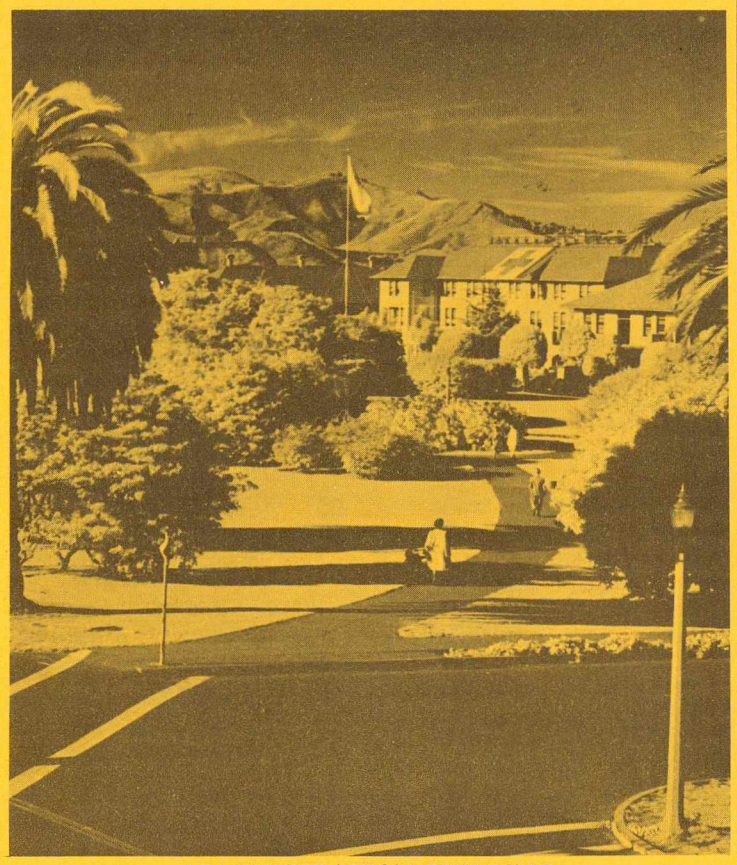
A band concert will follow the ceremonies and "Open House" will be held for visitors with members of the Letterman WAC Detachment as guides on conducted tours through the hospital.

The Special Services division has arranged for a show in the Recreation Center in the afternoon and there will be a dance for the enlisted men and women, as well as for patients, in the evening at the Army YMCA.

The Mess Department will put on a special birthday dinner and the patients under the guidance of the Red Cross recreation staff will vie for the honor of having the best decorated ward with a huge birthday cake as the prize to the winner.

Stamp collectors will be interested in a special chachet commemorating the day. The Postmaster of San Francisco has authorized the hand stamping of all mail originating here on 1 December to show a Letterman cancellation. Mr. Elmore Lann, the Assistant Postmaster of San Francisco has also co-operated by making available at our local post office the commemorative stamp, "The Doctor" which was first issued in 1947. The use of that particular stamp is most appropriate in this instance.

Mr. Robert Grellman, supervisor of the Letterman Post Office, has given enthusiastic support to the special cachet project and he will give his personal attention to mail dropped into his care on that day. Mr. George Perry, his assistant, has been helpful with technical advice, and Mr. Lucas Madamba, the other postal aide, is eager to assist his associates in the office.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Letterman General Hospital

Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, writes:

Dear General Cole:

My long and intimate acquaintance with the achivements of Letterman through the years makes me feel like one of the family and I do wish to express on behalf of the Army Nurse Corps, my sincere congratulations and good wishes on the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of LGH. We are rightfully proud of Letterman.

I deeply regret circumstances preclude my participation in your celebration.

General Mark Clark 6th Army Commander, Congratulates LGH

General Mark W. Clark, famed war time commander of the 5th Army, and the present commanding general of the 6th Army, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco writes to General Cole, Letterman commander, on the occasion of our 50th anniversary.

Dear General Cole:

With the approach of December 1, marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Letterman General Hospital, it gives me another opportunity to express the high admiration and appreciation I have always had for this Army institution and to extend congratulations to you and to every member of your Command, both Military and Civilian.

Starting back as it did in the war time days of '98, with relatively few combat casualties to minister to, expansion of its operational facilities in recent years was carried out so efficiently that it was enabled to care for and treat thousands of casualties from World War I and World War II, including Army and veteran personnel, offering its patients the finest, most modern surgical and hospital treatment obtainable.

Letterman General Hospital's half century of service to Army and veteran personnel alike, and to humanity at large, has set up a record of which we all may be proud.

Sincerely,
MARK W. CLARK
General, U. S. Army

Dear General Cole:

We of the newest commissioned section of the Medical Department extend hearty congratulations to the oldest general hospital on its fiftieth birthday.

RUTH A. ROBINSON
Lt. Colonel, WMSC
Chief Occupational Therapist

Highlights of Letterman History Over Half a Century

The friendly trees throw the lengthening shadows of late afternoon across the broad sunny lawn outside Letterman's Administration building and the bright flowers bordering the walk that leads to the main door are stirred by a cool breeze, but all other motion is arrested as passersby, both military and civilian, stand at attention for the ceremony of retreat as the flag is lowered. The scene never fails to impress the stranger and is beloved by those familiar with it, and looking at Letterman and its present surroundings, it is difficult to believe that half a century ago, when the hospital was organized during the Spanish-American War, an early historical account had these unfavorable things to say about its site:

"The location of this site has often been regarded as the one great mistake in the hospital's formation. During the dry season the considerable amount of traffic over the roads creates quantities of dust which are swept over the hospital by the winds; while during the rainy season, one-half of the year, owing to the slight elevation and the proximity of the sea and numerous marshes, there exists a markedly high relative humidity. As would naturally be expected, insects, flies, fleas, etc., abound. In short, the one and only distinct advantage of this site is accessibility: 1st, to the camps of transient troops; 2nd, to the dock for unloading ship patients, and 3rd, to the city of San Francisco."

That excerpt serves to emphasize the external changes effected in the intervening fifty years, but the changes in the exterior of the hospital are only an outward sign of the progress made in the real work of the hospital—the care of the sick and wounded, which has been carried out in such a manner through the years as to earn for Letterman the compliment of being called "the best hospital in the Army," and "the hospital with a soul."

With a professional staff of medical officers constantly on the alert for every new development in medical science, and a large consulting staff of eminent civilian physicians, Letterman, now the largest Army hospital in the West Coast area, is a designated center for the handling of many medical specialties. These include internal medicine, general surgery, orthopedics, plastic surgery, neurosurgery, psychiatry, neurology, radium therapy and deep X-ray treatments. The Pathology Laboratory at Letterman has been designated as a histopathological center for the entire Sixth Army area.

The hospital now boasts the best and most modern of medical equipment, but it would appear that in its early days there was some tart criticism on the subject of its equipment. The ward furniture was described as "cheap, and of slight durability," by Captain H. H. Rutherford, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, who wrote a history of the hospital's first six years of existence. Remarking on the lack of good equipment, Captain Rutherford said that "this condition was not so much due to any restrictions from the War Department as to the ancient custom among medical officers of regarding the practice of the strictest economy as one of the first requisites of a high standard of personal efficiency."

The patients as well as the staff came in for their share of comment from the captain. In a report on an epidemic of measles, involving 116 cases, which gave the Medical Service trouble for six months in 1902, he says that "the rooms became very much overcrowded, owing to the rapid expansion of the epidemic and to the adoption of the rule which required patients to remain under surveillance in hospital until 30 days after the onset of the disease . . . The difficulty of treating the men was increased by the fact that many of them were recruits who had not yet learned the essentials of personal cleanliness and care of the squad room."

With the advent of "trained female nurses," in February 1902, a "marked improvement" was recorded. Before that, "under the charge of Hospital Corps men it seemed impossible to prevent these untrained patients from expectorating freely upon the floor, a practice which was followed by a surprisingly large number of lung and ear complications. To show the probability of infection from this course it is interesting to note that no case of broncho-pneumonia, and very few ear complications, arose in the wards which were disinfected and placed under the charge of female nurses." Thus did Captain Rutherford take notice of a fact that fifty years later was to be expressed in the current slogan "never underestimate the power of a woman."

Letterman was first known as the U. S. Army General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, and its establishment as a general hospital was under General Order No. 182, from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, dated 1 December 1898:

"By direction of the Secretary of War, the division hospital at San Francisco, California, formerly independent Division 8th Army Corps Hospital, is designated as a general hospital, and will be under the exclusive control of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, in accordance with paragraph 1433 of the Regulations."

Shortly after the Spanish-American war was declared on 21 April 1898, 22,000 troops were sent to California en route to the Philippines, and Colonel J. V. D. Middleton, then chief surgeon of the Department of California, anticipating an influx of sick on the return ships from Manila, recommended to the Surgeon General that a general hospital of 500 beds be constructed at some suitable point. The Surgeon General directed that plans, specifications and estimates be prepared.

There was some indecision in regard to the choice of a site for the hospital, and both Angel Island and Fort Mason were discussed. Angel Island was rejected because of a deficiency of water; Fort Mason because it was "too exposed." However, at a later time provision was made on Angel Island for quarantine cases.

The present Presidio site for the general hospital was finally fixed upon, plans were drawn by W. H. Wilcox, a San Francisco architect, and construction contracts were let early in 1899. The cost was $113,-339.50 for a pavilion type hospital designed to accommodate 400 patients on a site of 393,228 square feet. According to the record this provided 983 square feet of ground space per patient, thus upholding the reputation of the West as a place of wide open spaces.

Pavilion hospitals, first used in the Crimean war, were constructed in the United States in West Virginia during the Civil war at the direction of Major Jonathan Letterman, then Medical Director of the Army of Occupation of Western Virginia. The type proved so satisfactory that its use was greatly ex-

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GENERAL ORDERS
No. 182

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, December 1, 1898

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MILES:

A. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant General



OFFICIAL COPY OF GENERAL ORDER No. 182—1898 Organizing this general hospital

Medical Department Chiefs Extend Congratulations



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. ARMY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C."

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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16 November 1948

Brigadier General Frank L. Cole
Commanding General
Letterman General Hospital
San Francisco, California

Dear General Cole:

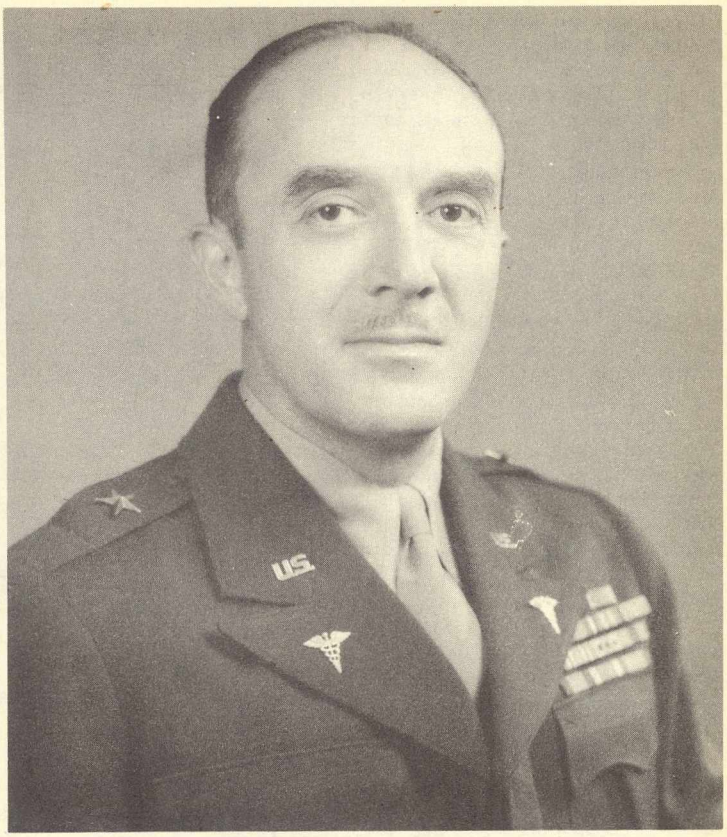
It is a distinct pleasure and privilege to extend sincere congratulations to the commanding general and staff of Letterman General Hospital on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization as a general hospital.

In its half century of service to the sick and injured of the Army Letterman has built up a reputation second to none in the ministry of the healing arts. It has acquired a spirit of devotion in the fulfillment of its mission that has endeared it to all who have been the recipients of its care. Its achievements have reflected great glory on the Medical Department of the Army and the high standards ever maintained augur well for the years that lie ahead.

I am proud of the progress of Letterman General Hospital in our army residency training program which in turn will provide the optimum in professional service to those entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,

R. W. BLISS
Major General
The Surgeon General



Brigadier General GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
The Deputy Surgeon General of the Army

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16 November 1948

Brig. General Frank L. Cole, M.C.
Commanding General
Letterman General Hospital
San Francisco, California

Dear General Cole:

For fifty years Letterman General Hospital has borne the name of one of the Army's great men of medicine. During that half century the Hospital has honored him well by adhering to his principles of improvement, progress and more efficient service within and by the Medical Department. Your hospital has a right to be proud of its record of maintaining the highest standards of medical efficiency. Words of praise have been heaped upon you by members of the Armed Forces and civilians alike and are justly deserved.

To those of you who are now carrying on and maintaining this heritage I send sincerest congratulations and good wishes on this Golden Jubilee.

Sincerely,

GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
Brig. General, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

Highlights of Letterman History Over Half a Century

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tended, and it not only formed the basis of the design for Letterman but later was used for American Expeditionary Force hospitals during World War I.

The original personnel of the hospital consisted of six medical officers, 23 contract female nurses and 85 enlisted men of the Hospital Corps. After the new buildings were completed, which was in July 1899, the plant was staffed with 19 officers, 158 enlisted men and 37 female nurses.

First commanding officer of the hospital was Colonel Alfred C. Girard, later a brigadier general, who was in command of the hospital from 1899 until 1901. During the first three years of the hospital's operation Colonel Girard was operating surgeon and, with very few exceptions, performed all operations. His report for the first year of his command shows that he performed 176 operations during that period.

In those first days there were but three divisions of professional services—general medical, general surgical and veneral. The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic was established in September 1899, and the Bacteriological and Pathological Laboratory was fairly well under way by the end of the year.

Shortly after the new hospital was occupied the number of patients increased from 289 to 1046, and were reported as "not only filling the wards in the new hospital, but also two of the brick and four of the wooden barracks at the post." During the year the hospital received 5390 patients.

There was no casual coming and going via the Administration building in the early days. The guard on duty was instructed to stay in the vicinity of the front door and refuse to pass all unauthorized persons, and that meant coming in or going out. Visitors had to go to the Officer of the Day to get a pass before they were allowed to leave the building. All enlisted men returning from pass had to enter by the Administration building door and surrender said pass. The guard also locked the gates of the hospital at retreat and unlocked them at reveille to prevent patients and other persons from leaving in any unauthorized way.

The Army Nurse Corps was not made an integral part of the Medical Department until 2 February 1901, and at the time of the hospital's organization nurses were hired on contract to serve "at least one year, unless sooner discharged." Their pay was $40 a month, with $10 a month extra for duty overseas.

Convalescent patients worked in the mess department, and were detailed to K. P. duty as needed to assist the regularly assigned personnel. During the first months of the hospital's operation the mess department was run by a chief civilian cook whose "methods were simple but open to the gravest objections." He kept no account of the daily number of patients, but gave his orders for provisions regardless of the fact that they must be paid for at so much per head for patients fed. Fortunately, says the report, the allowance for special diets proved to be enough to foot the bills.

A year or so later, when the mess was better established, labor-saving devices were installed, including machines for bread-cutting, potato mashers, meat cutting, ice cream freezing and dishwashing by power, and steam tables and plate warmers were also installed. However, the mess officer sadly reported that "without exception, so far, the change has met with resentment from the employees and it has required a direct order to have the new appliances used. After they have been used for a while their value has been appreciated and there is no tendency to lapse into the old rut."

In 1901 a fire which originated in the carpenter shop, from an oil stove on which some parafine was being boiled, resulted in the destruction of two wards, a tent hospital, and the dining rooms and kitchens, at an estimated loss of $65,000, this amounting to half the original construction cost for the entire hospital. Rebuilding was undertaken at once and completed before the end of the year.

First mention of the X-ray Laboratory was made in 1901, when the work "consisted mainly of fluoroscope examinations and the taking of radiographs." An operating pavilion was added to the hospital in 1904, at a cost of $22,000. The report to the SGO that year records that chloroform was being used as an anesthetic "with increasing frequency—chloroform used in 208

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Major JONATHAN LETTERMAN
Famed Civil War surgeon after whom this hospital is named.

Letterman bears proudly the name of the great Civil War surgeon whose memory it honors—Major Jonathan Letterman, Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. It is partciularly fitting that a San Francisco hospital bears his name, since he practiced medicine here after leaving the Army, and was also coroner of the city and county of San Francisco.

He is credited with the major accomplishment of complete reorganization of the field medical service, and the creation of an effective ambulance service for the evacuation of battle casualties. During the war between the States this organization functioned so effectively at Antietam and Gettysburg that it was adopted for use throughout the Union Army. The basic plan of field hospitalization and evacuation known as "the Letterman plan" has infleunced that service in every modern Army.

Major Letterman was born in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and received his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1948. That same year he was appointed assistant surgeon, U. S. Army.

He served in a number of Indian campaigns, then in 1862 was appointed Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac. Within less than a month he had drawn up and submitted a plan for an ambulance corps, which was at once approved. The new ambulance service had its first trial at Antietam and proved its worth.

Letterman then issued a circular calling for the establishment of field hospitals and containing detailed instructions for the care of the wounded. The provisions of this circular were carried out, and after the Battle of Gettysburg it was said that "the hospital organization made it possible to remove the wounded from the field, feed them and dress their wounds within six hours after injury."

Following Letterman's resignation from the Army, he came to San Francisco in 1866, was elected coroner the following year, and later served as a member of the board of medical examiners of the University of California. After an illness of several months, he died in March 1872, at the age of 48.

The large attendance at his funeral from St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco was evidence of the public's appreciation of his distinguished Army service. He was buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery. In 1906 his remains, with those of his wife, were transferred to Washington to rest in Arlington Cemetery.

Courtesy the Keynote of Front Office Receptions

In his first talk with the staff, after assuming command of Letterman last September, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole emphasized the value of "courtesy" in dealing with all classes of people. The general remarked that courtesy costs nothing yet pays the highest dividends in



Colonel
JAMES B. STAPLETON, MC
Executive Officer

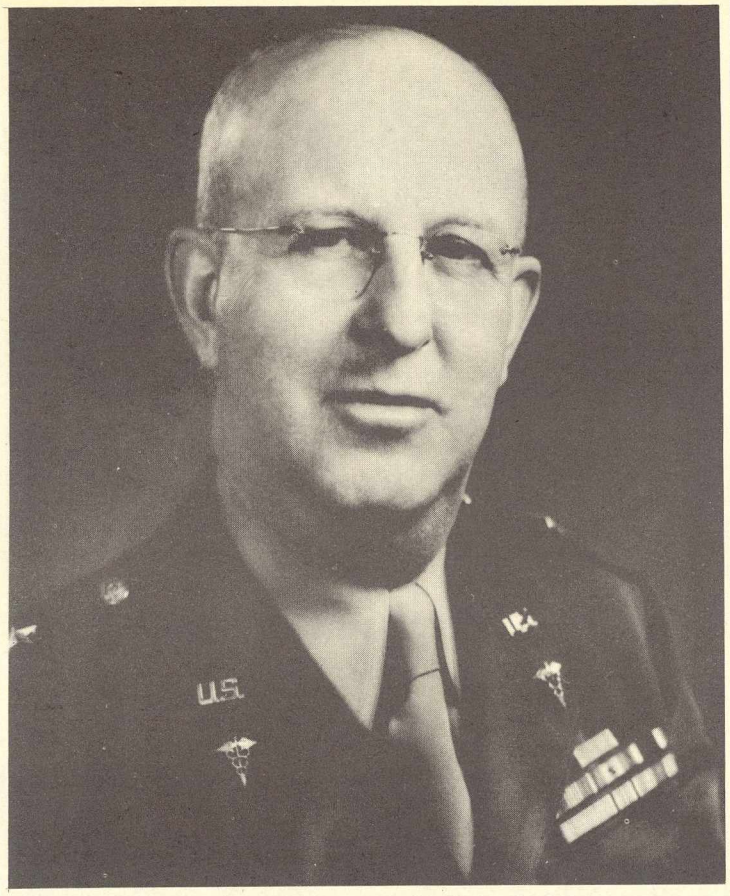
human relationships and it is his earnest desire that all under his command consider courtesy as the keynote of his administration.

Visitors to the "Front office"—the local term for headquarters—will quickly learn that the campaign of courtesy is in full swing and its best exponent is the commanding general himself.

General Cole towers up to a few inches better than six feet and possesses a genial personality. His greetings are cordial and visitors are soon at ease in his commanding presence. The general is an old



Major
WENDELL B. PATTON, MSC
Adjutant



Brigadier General FRANK L. COLE
Commanding General

soldier and knows this army very well from his experience of more than 30 years in the Army Medical Corps.

General Cole has had a distinguished career since he was commissioned in 1917 in time to get overseas for 18 months in World War I. He had four years at the famous Johns Hopkins Medical school ending in 1928 whence he was assigned to Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu as Chief of the Surgical Service for a three year tour, and then he came to Letterman to spend the next five years. It was during that tour he formed the thought to return here some day and in command. He held that thought until it became a reality.

The years 1936 to 1940 found him at Walter Reed General Hospital as Chief of Surgical Service and then he held the same office at Army & Navy General Hospital for two years. He was the Camp Surgeon at Camp Hood from 1942 until 1944 and then assumed command of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital for the following year. His next command was the Wakeman Hospital Center and in 1946 he became Chief of Surgical Consultants' Division, office of the Surgeon General. He left Washington to take command of Letterman in September of this year.

His "Alter ego" in dispensing courtesy around the "front office" is Colonel James B. Stapelton, Executive Officer and Deputy Commander, who came to us with a brand new degree of Master of Arts in Hospital Administration which he earned in course at Northwestern University last year. He is a loyal alumnus of his school and got the maximum of pleasure out of the brief moment of time while Northwestern was one point ahead of Notre Dame in the annual football contest a few weeks ago.

Colonel Stapelton is a native of Alabama and endowed aplenty with the graciousness characteristic of the people of the deep south. He has a ready smile and, although we never heard him call anyone "Honey chile," we imagine he could put a lot of feeling into that term of endearment so prevalent in his milieu.

The colonel is a graduate of the



Lt. Colonel
WILLIAM L. BESWICK, IGD
Inspector General

University of Alabama—Bachelor of Arts—and Tulane University—Doctor of Medicine. He came to the army in 1933 and saw peace time service at Fort Benning, Carlisle Barracks, Fort Banks, Fort McPherson, and a tour of foreign service at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. During the war he was at Lawson General Hospital and subsequently served at Okinawa and the Philippines. He has been the Executive Officer here since September.

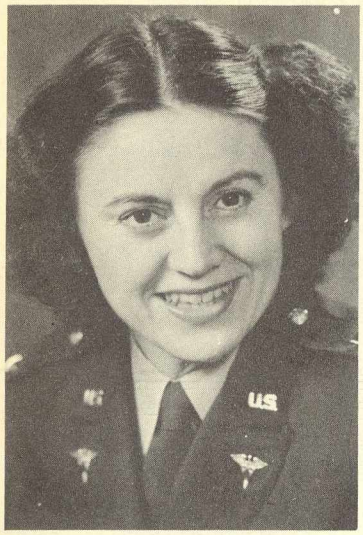
Our adjutant, thoroughly imbued with the value of courtesy in the

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Captain
CHESLAR URBANICK, MSC
Asst. Adjutant

Female Commissioned Officers Were Not Around in '98



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But They Are Very Much a Part of The Army Today

President McKinley at Letterman--June 1901



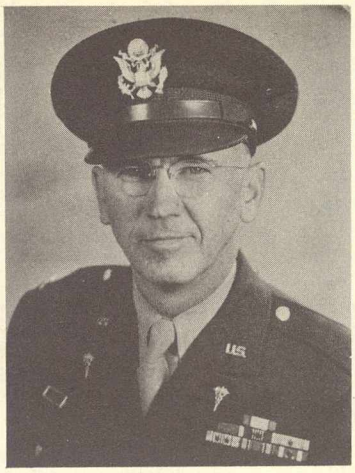
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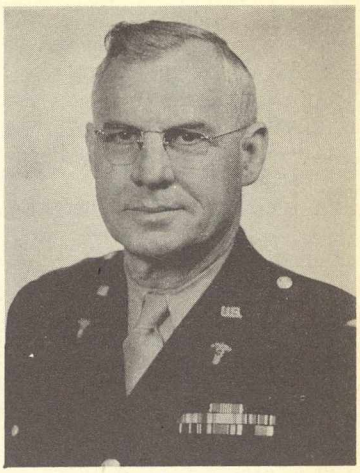
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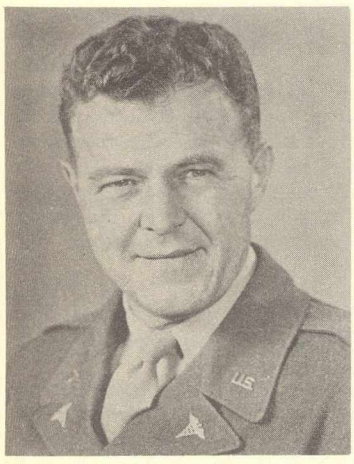
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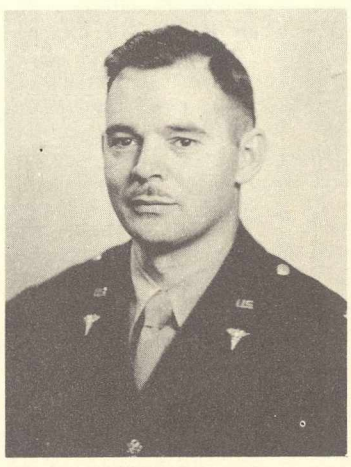
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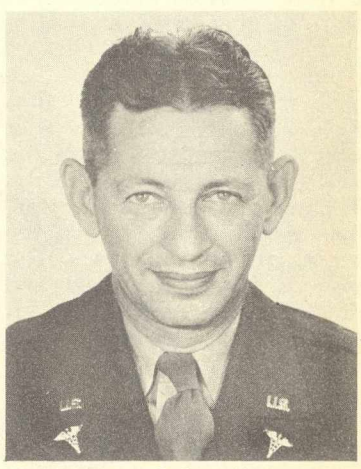
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Commanding

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HALF CENTURY

Fifty years ago today this general hospital began to undertake the care and treatment of our sick and wounded in the military service.

The men who fought in the Philippine jungles in '98 came back here to recuperate and effect restoration to health.

The men who fought in Europe in World War I were our patients both while on active duty and after they had acquired the status of veterans.

The outbreak of World War II found us ready to fulfill our mission and the first war casualties admitted were the victims of the sneak attack on Pearl.. Harbor.. and.. Hickam Field.

Thosands of war's victims followed in the wake of that first group and to most of the wounded in the vast Pacific Theater of Operations Letterman was the first stop on the shores of the homeland. The wounds freshly cleansed and dressed we passed the men on to hospitals nearer their homes.

During the almost four years of active hositilities Letterman labored for the benefit of the combatant forces and in these days of peace Letterman continues to be the best place in the world for the sick of our armed forces.

Fifty years is a long time in the life of man but that span for an institution merely affords time to attain growth.

Today we are fifty years young.



The Old Timers in the ANC think anyone with less than 20 years service is a recruit and for this anniversary we limit our remarks in this column to the few in our presence who have passed the 20 year mark.

Lieutenant Colonel **Elsie E. Schneider,** the Chief Nurse, is covered in another part of the paper and she gets off with that account.

Lieutenant Colonel **Frances C. Henchey,** who reached that grade on 31 August 1948, is a native of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and came into the Army on 2 July 1918. She has been at Letterman since 30 April 1946, and is under orders to report to Fort Bragg, N. C. early in the new year.

Major **Marie L. Pace,** a major since since 31 August 1948, is a native of South Hill, Va., and joined the army on 26 August 1918. At Letterman since 29 August 1946.

Major **Alvine L. Schmidt,** a major since 31 August 1948, is a native of Wisconsin, and entered the army on 31 October 1918. At Letterman since 11 December 1946.

Major **Josephine H. Balestera** received that grade on 31 August. She is a Native Daughter and has been in the army since 18 October 1921. At Letterman since 26 July 1946.

Major **Anne K. Pilegard** became a major on 31 August 1948. Another Native Daughter and in the army since 10 June 1918 with three years out between 1926 and 1929. She has been at Letterman since 8 August 1946.

Major **Myrtle C. Huhner** also became a major on 31 August 1948. Is a native of Dallas and in the army since 26 December 1922. At LGH since 7 May 1947.

May they live to celebrate the centennial.

WAC

Since this issue of the Fog Horn deals mainly with matters historical, it seems a fitting time to reminisce about a portion of modern LGH history—the time since the first arrival here of members of the Women's Army Corps.

Although the original WAAC came into being in May 1942, it was not until March 1945 that the first "women of the Army" came to duty at Letterman. In July 1943 the "A" for "auxiliary" had been dropped when members of the Corps came into the Army with full military status.

The first detachment here numbered 38, and today there are two "oldtimers," in point of service, still here who remember those early days when ward H was their home —First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** and Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton.** Sergeant Glenn has been here continuously since 1945; Sergeant Eaton is now on her third tour of duty here, and is now chief clerk in the Troop Information & Education office. She served overseas in Vienna before her second tour of duty here. She tells interesting stories of the early days of the detachment, and is well up on present day statistics about her former co-workers—says that "out of the 40 girls who were here then, at least 20 are married and have children now."

At present detachment strength is about what it was originally, but during the war it reached a peak of 350. For a few months Letterman had a WAC band, but when its numbers dwindled from 28 to six, it was regretfully discontinued. The members of the Corps stationed here have been active and outstanding in sports—baseball, softball and basketball teams. In July of this year two Letterman WAC officers won top honors in tennis in the Sixth Army tennis tournament at Fort Ord. Captain **Minnie L. Young** and First Lieut. **Frances Harllee** won the women's doubles championship; Lieut. Harllee won the women's singles championship.

The LGH detachment has had three commanding officers: Captain **Ernestine L. Stephenson,** March 1945 to September 1946; Captain **Marion B. Chapin,** who took over when Captain Stephenson left for duty in the ETO, and served for a year before leaving for the ETO herself, and Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** the present CO, who arrived from the ETO in August 1947.

The bill making the WAC a permanent part of the Regular Army was introduced in Congress in April 1947, but it was not passed until June of this year. In August the first Letterman WAC officers and enlisted personnel were sworn into the Regular Army here.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 5 December, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Congratulations

Lieutenant Colonel Eleanor L. Mitchell, WMSC., Chief, Dietitian Section, Surgeon Generals Office, sends the following to the Commanding General:

It is a privilege to extend sincere congratulations to the Commanding General and the staff on the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Letterman General Hospital.

As an old Lettermanite I shall be with you in spirit at the formal ceremonies commemorating the event.

Colonel Emma E. Vogel, WMSC, Chief of the Women's Medical Specialists Corps, sent a similar message.

Congratulations to Letterman on the competion of fifty years of services to sick and wounded of the army. It has never been my good fortune to serve in the command but over the years I have been a staunch admirer of the "Letterman Spirit." Many happy returns.

Colonel Mary A. Hallaren, Director, Womens Army Corps, wired the Commanding General.

"It is with pleasure that I extend to you and your staff sincere congratulations on the Letterman's fiftieth anniversary. The record speaks for itself.

The explanation of triumph is all in the first syllable.—**Anonymous.**

ON THE SPOT



Master Sergeant
ROBERT F. BERGEN
Sergeant Major

By way of refuting all rumors we wish to say that our Sergeant Major emphatically denies that his recent re-enlistment was based on the assumption he will spend the next 50 years at Letterman.

Right now this hospital is commemorating its fifty years of service and although Sgt. Bergen has already served here for a fair part of the life of Letterman he has no ambition to be around for the centennial celebration.

Sgt. Bergen is a native of Brooklyn but lost interest in the "Dodgers" when Durocher was sold to the "Giants" on the other side of the river and become enough of a San Franciscan to proclaim the merits of the 49ers in lieu of his old love.

Our sergeant major first came into service in 1926 and enjoyed a three year tour in Oahu. Then he relapsed into civilian life for another three years before deciding to become a career man in the army. He has been a soldier ever since. He came to Letterman in 1938 and was First Sergeant of the Detachment of Patients when he left us in 1943 to help organize the new Oakland Regional Hospital. He later went to Billings General Hospital with his favorite CO—Col. McEvers—but when the latter was moved along to Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis Bob said "Nay, nay" or words to that effect, and came back to Letterman.

Bergen has a memory for regulations that baffles his associates and for years "Bill" Murphy in Supply and "Old Man" Carnes in the Detachment of Patients have been tossing curves at Bob but he hasn't missed yet. It is said that Sgt. Ernie Allen, one time head man in the S & W office, almost crossed up Bob on one occacsion in a hot discussion on regulations, but the report is without verification.

Anyhow, it seems that Bob will be around here for a long time yet.

MORE ABOUT COURTESY

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performance of his duties, is Major Wendell B. Patton, Medical Service Corps, who joined us in August last fresh from a three year tour in Hawaii where he has been the Adjutant of the 219th Station Hospital.

The major is a native of the Great Northwest (Pacific) and a graduate of Washington State College. He has held a reserve commission in the Medical Administrative Corps from 1925 until he volunteered for active duty at the outbreak of World War II. He has seen service in the Medical Depot in San Francisco, the Medical Purchasing Office in New York, the office of the Surgeon General, Fort Eustis, and Fort Lewis.

His initial assignment at Letterman was in charge of the Pharmacy—he is a Registered Pharmacist—and Assistant Hospital Inspector, but his past caught up with him and he was named adjutant for the command.

Major Patton is a flyer with a penchant for piloting small planes but admits age is catching up on him and he is thinking about improving his golf as a means of recreation. Could be that his acquaintance with the wide blue yonder has brought out his calm demeanor. You can always count on a smile from Major Patton—both before and after he says "Sorry, No." He would like to say "Yes" always but the Regulations, you know.

And thoroughly enveloped in the prevailing atmosphere of the same office is Captain Cheslar Urbanick, MSC., Assistant Adjutant. His is the first desk one encounters on entrance so his is the first chance to turn on the charm—and he does it to the satisfaction of everyone with none attributing it to his position as low man on the totem pole.

The captain hails from Willamantic, Connecticut, and came into the army at Fort Ethan Allan in 1939. He was commissioned in December 1942 at Carlisle and during the war he served 18 months in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations in addition to domestic service at Borden General Hospital and at several PW camps in Texas.

Captain Urbanick has been at Letterman for the past year and was administrative assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service before being assigned as assistant adjutant six months ago.

Not always in evidence but always on the job is the Inspector General for the command—Lieutenant Colonel William L. Beswick, IGD. He is truly a veteran Lettermanite although he was not a member of the command on that first organization day. Joined us just a few years later.

When World War II loomed up on the horizon Colonel Beswick was the sergeant major at Letterman and was called to active duty on his reserve commission as Captain, Medical Administrative Corps, and remained with us until early in 1942 when he was sent out to Australia as assistant to the Surgeon, Southwest Pacific. He rose in grade to lieutenant colonel while overseas and came back to Letterman when the shooting war was ended and he is still here.

He counts up to 35 to indicate his years of service and he has been everything at Letterman from sergeant major to executive officer. He commanded the Detachment of Patients before going overseas and was the control officer after his return. He has never been the officer in charge of the pharmacy but we will wager that at some time in his long career he held the property for same. He is a pinch hitter extraordinary and bats from both sides of the plate.

Despite the length of years the list of his stations is remarkably brief. He likes to dig in, get settled, and stay put. Here is the roster—he enlisted at West Point and stayed there 14 years, then he went to Oahu and stayed there 10 years, and he came to Letterman in 1936, left in 1942 for three years in Australia and returned here in 1945.

As the Inspector General of the command he gets the grief first but even he is mindful of courtesy. When he is about to lose patience the only evidence is his well-known "dadrat it"—the nearest he comes to strong language. For the real "service with a smile" bring your complaints to our I. G.

WAC OF THE WEEK



OPAL GLENN
First Sergeant

Writing for posterity, as we are in this issue, we like to bring into focus the history making incidents in the long career of this general hospital. One such was the arrival of the first WAC detachment in May 1945, and one member of that detachment is the present Master Sergeant Opal B. Glenn. She is also the First Sergeant of the detachment today, and as "topkick" she rates this column on our 50th anniversary.

Sgt. Glenn—then Opal Borders—came to us qualified to instruct medical and surgical technicans; a qualification she acquired by a special course at Stanford University. She remained to ascend to her present eminence and is now in the Regular Army—a career woman in a new career for women.

The sergeant started out to be a school teacher with a Degree of Bachelor in Education from Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, and took post graduate work in mental hygiene at the University of Colorado. This was part of the process of winning a master's degree, but the war came along and women were wanted in our hospitals to assist in the care of the sick and wounded. Sgt. Glenn detoured — temporarily, she thought—into the military service. It was a good choice—the sergeant faced a life time occupation and later won a husband. He is following the same military career.

The wedding took place on 11 June 1946 when First Sergeant Roswell T. Glenn took unto himself as wedded wife Master Sergeant Opal B. Glenn. The couple have lived happily ever after.

We hope they both will be around for our centennial celebration.

In 1901 maroon replaced green as the Maltese Cross gave place to the caduceus as the collar ornament of Medical Department personnel.

CIVIL CIRCLES



Mr. RAYMOND V. SHINE

The Director of Civilian Personnel for Letterman has been in Government Service since 1935. He came to Letterman in January 1943 and was promoted to his present position in March 1946.

The civilian employees—more than 900 in number—under the supervision of Mr. Shine are making a very valuable contribution to the success of Letterman in its assigned mission.

Our sympathies go to **Harry Mour,** foreman pressman at the Post Exchange cleaning plant, who was rushed to the hospital recently. A victim of polio Harry is now a patient at the San Francisco Hospital. Harry has ten years service at Letterman and his many friends at LGH miss him and hope for his rapid recovery.

....**Bill Fujita** of Finance was seen handing out cigars and candy along with a big smile in honor of his new baby daughter, **Lois,** born 19 November. She weighted 6 lbs., 7 ounces at birth.

Martha Phillips, looking very chic and charming, visited with friends at Letterman recently. Martha was formerly in the Army Retiring Board office and is now with the U. S. Public Health Service in San Francisco.

In 1813 members of the Medical Department wore black uniforms; in 1821 velvet collar and cuffs were added.

30 YEAR VETERAN CHIEF NURSE HELPS PLAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Lt. Colonel ELSIE E. SCHNEIDER, ANC
Letterman Chief Nurse

Looking back over a very active service of thirty years in the Army Nurse Corps is Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, our Chief Nurse, and a member of the committee appointed by the commanding general to arrange the program from the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of this general hospital.

In her long career Colonel Schneider has stepped along with the newest advances in her profession and prepared herself to accept the added responsibility entailed in the expansion of the Army Nurse Corps. The opportunities in the Corps as a result of the recent legislation creating the military rank as well as status for nurses is the result of the high performance of both professional and administrative duties through the years by Colonel Schneider and her contemporaries. They demonstrated by their achievements that commissioned rank, not merely relative, is perfectly proper with promotion and pay equal to that enjoyed by the male officer. The Army Nurse Corps today offers so much more than when the colonel first became "Miss Schneider ANC."

Colonel Schneider served ten months in France in World War I, and four years in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. In the late war she went overseas as the Chief Nurse of the 204th General Hospital, and subsequently moved up to be the Director of Nurses for the Central Pacific Base Command, and later as Director for the Mid Pacific Command. Her peace time service sent her to duty at Oteen, N. C., Camp Pike, Ark., Fort Sam Houston, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Fort Benning, Ga., and a two year period at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila.

The colonel came to Letterman in January 1946 and has administered her office with the same high degree of efficiency that suggested her appointment to this important command. She has caught the spirit of Letterman and feels it is a privilege to be an active participant in the day we celebrate.

Although eligible for retirement, when asked about that prospect Colonel Schneider smiles for a moment and then—"Well, not just yet."

Expanding Army Seeks Volunteers For OCS Course

(AFPS) The Army invites YOU to make application for Officer Candidate School.

What's the catch? There isn't any. Here's the straight dope.

Present Army plans call for increasing enlisted personnel to 790,000 men by July 1. This increase will add 300,000 men to current strength and require 37,000 additional officers to help train and command them.

The Army's policy today is to commission as many officers as possible from the enlisted ranks. Those who qualify will be sent directly to OCS in their present grade, if sergeant or higher. Those in the lower grades will first be promoted to temporary sergeant.

After successfully completing OCS you will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Reserve, and put on active duty. If you fail you are returned to active duty in the grade you held prior to admission.

With Army policy definitely favoring the upping of men now in Service, there are several ways you can earn admission to OCS:

(1) If you are between 19 and 28 and a high school graduate with a good record, you are eligible for this training now.

(2) If you are not a high school graduate but possess the other qualifications and can pass a high school equivalent examination, you qualify now.

(3) If you need additional high school credits to qualify, you may get these through courses in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, which is now helping nearly 5,000 servicemen a month to earn high school diplomas.

How Do You Apply?

It is easy to apply for OCS. Enlisted men should first discuss the matter with their company officers for the necessary endorsement of their applications.

You will then sign an agreement to serve for a minimum of two years after receiving your Reserve commission.

The thing to remember is this: The Army wants to select their future officers from the current volunteers who have demonstrated their loyalty and enthusiasm.

And don't forget this: There is no finer career in American life today than defending the safety and security of American ideals and institutions.

MEDICAL DETACH

We all have Birthdays . . . they come but once a year, but this year we will cerebate the Birthday of the "Hospital With A Soul" . . . Letterman General Hospital. It will hold memories for all on this day, its Fiftieth Anniversary as a Hospital.

We set the pace through the years and find that many have helped in its service to the sick and wounded. 1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams, who was our First Sergeant for many years . . . S/Sgt. Jay Connell, who spent most of his twenty-eight and one-half years here at Letterman, working in Grounds and Maintenance . . . M/Sgt. Henry (Landlord) Smith, who for so long was our Detachment Charge of Quarters . . . Sgt. F. C. Rudy Schellhorn, who has been on Ward K-1 and K-3 for the past ten years . . . M/Sgt. Ted Schmierer whose ability carried the ball for so long in Medical Supply . . . Sgt. F. C. Carl Stine who knows Letterman inside and out . . . M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz, the brain and wit of the Hospital Service Branch during the War years . . . M/Sgt. Charles Mehr, who yields with the clothing issue in the Unit Supply and receives head-aches as pay . . . M/Sgt. Vaughn Yeomans, his test-tubes are the most used in the Laboratory . . . Sgt. F C Charlie Wilcox will repair your typewriter in the Machine Shop . . . M/Sgt. Anderson will repair your wooden leg in the Orthopedic Shop . . . M/Sgt. Kennth Robbins, Educational Reconditioning, will help with the High School Diploma . . . Sgt. Israel Kulak, Laundry, will assure you of the cleanest sheets ever . . . M/Sgt. Robert Bergen, Sgt. Major's Office, will greet you with a smile and a "Hi ya Doc" . . . Sgt. F. C. Jacl LaValle, Mess Dept., M/Sgt. Walter Muhic, Mess Dept . . . these boys have always served the best in food and smiles . . . 1st Sgt. Lemuel Williams, who later served as Detachment Commander . . . M/Sgt. William Beswick, who was our Sergeant Major, now holds the title, Inspector General.

These, and many more have helped to mold this Hospital into its present being . . . the "Hospital With A Soul!"

COL. GORBY, PRINCIPAL SPEAKER TODAY, BEGAN ARMY CAREER AT LGH



Colonel ALVIN L. GORBY, MC
Sixth Army Surgeon

Colonel Alvin L. Gorby, 6th Army Surgeon, representing the Surgeon General, as the speaker on our anniversary program is back today where he started his army career.

The colonel graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School the summer of 1925 and accepted internship in the Army, reporting 4 July 1925 to the Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital. He completed the medical course at Walter Reed General Hospital and the Medical Field Service School course at Carlisle, Pa., during the year 1925-27.

Thereafter, he served at William Beaumont General Hospital, and in 1928 was ordered to Gorgas Hospital in Panama. In 1931 he returned from foreign duty and was ordered to the station hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as Chief of Medical Service and Attending Surgeon for a period of four years.

In 1935 Colonel Gorby was sent to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon graduation in 1936 was ordered to duty with the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle, Pa. While there, he commanded a clearing company in the First Medical Regiment, and later commanded this Regiment. In addition, he was Director of the Department of Legistics at the Medical Field Service School.

During the Ohio River flood in 1937, Colonel Gorby took the Clearing Company and the Ambulance Detachment to Louisville and established and operated two hospitals in the city of Louisville during the peak of the flood.

In 1939 Colonel Gorby was ordered to the War College but due to the critical international situatiion and the expansion of the Army, the War College was discontinued for that year, and he was assigned to the Second Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While there, he was ordered to activate and train the 55th (Corps) Medical Battalion. Shortly after its activation, he was ordered to the Surgeon General's Office and assigned to the Plans and Operations Section. He re-wrote the Tables of Organization and Equipment for Medical Department units immediately prior to and following the declaration of war in 1941.

The field hospital and the mobile evacuation hospital, which was later changed to a semi-mobile unit, were new units which were devised and planned by Colonel Gorby, while in the Surgeon General's Office.

In 1942 Colonel Gorby was assigned to General Devers as Surgeon of the Armored Forces at Fort Knox, Kentucky, serving there until late 1943 when he was transferred overseas to the London area. He was assigned as the first medical officer to FUSAG which was the First United States Army Group but later in Normandy became the Twelfth Army Group under the command of General Bradley. He served as Surgeon of the Twelfth Army Group until its deactivation at Wiesbaden, Germany, and then transferred to the Headquarters of the European Theatre as Deputy Theatre Surgeon with Major General Albert Kenner, who was Surgeon of the command.

Colonel Gorby served with the European Theatre until June 1947 when he returned to the zone of the interior and was assigned in August of tnat year as Surgeon of the Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

During his service he has received a number of awards and decorations from our Allies overseas as well as the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Army Commendation Ribbon from our own government. Among the foreign awards received were the Legion of Honor from France, the Order of the British Empire, the Ordre de la Couronne de Chene from Luxembourg and L'Ordre de Leopold and Crois de Guerre from the Belgian Government, and the Czechoslovakian War Cross.

Prof.: "I say, your tubular air container has lost its rotundity."

Motorist: "What?"

Prof.: "The cylindical apparatus is no longer inflated."

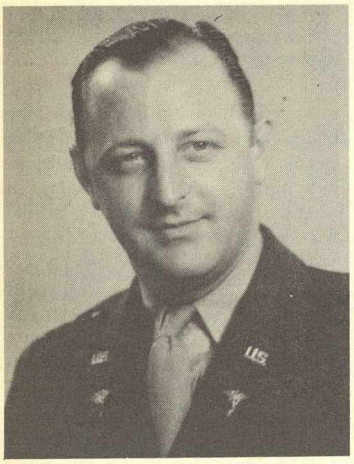
Motorist: "Who?"

Prof.: "The elastic fabric surrounding the circular frame, whose successive revolutions bear you onward in space, has not retained its pristine roundness."

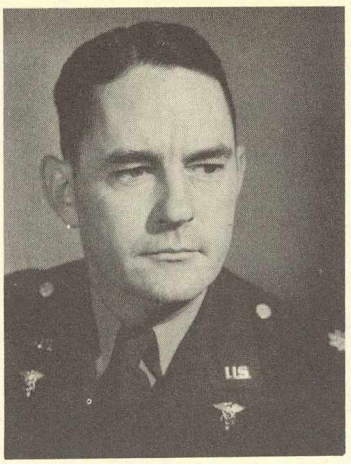
Motorist: "Which?"

Small Boy: "Hey, mister, you got a flat!"

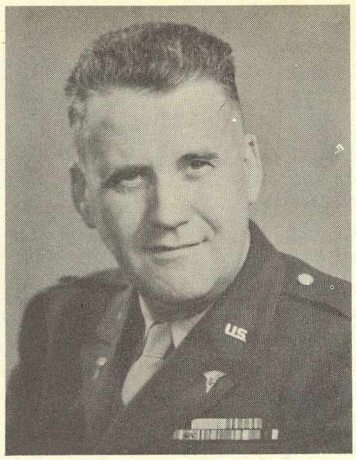
Administrative Departments Complete the LGH Team



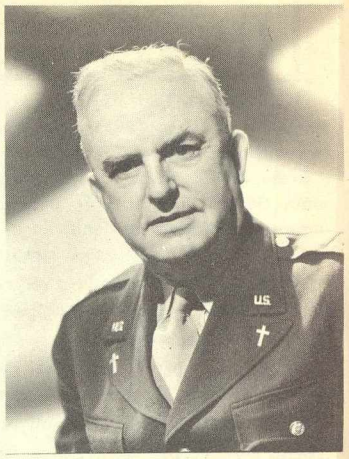
Lieut. Colonel
RALPH E. GRAHAM
Director, Medical Supply



Lieut. Colonel
JAMES H. MACKIN
CO—Detachment of Patients



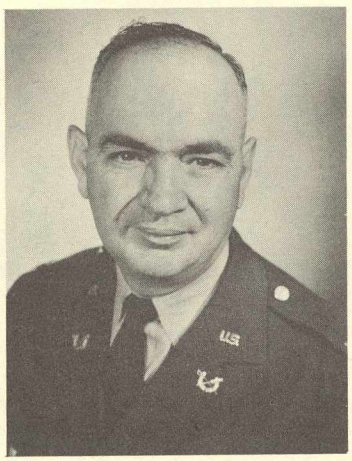
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Director, Hospital Mess



Lieut. Colonel
THOMAS L. McKENNA
Chief—Chaplains Branch



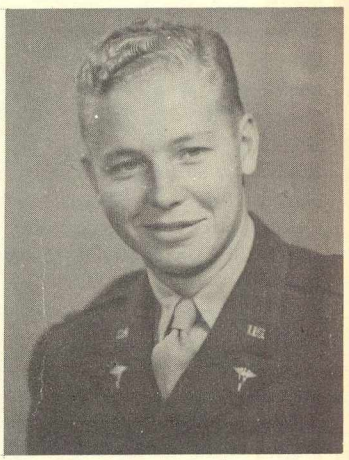
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Director, Finance



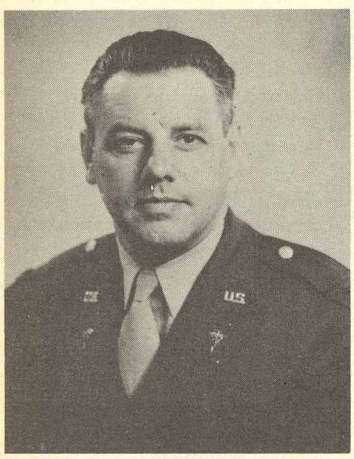
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LAMAR F. GRAVES
Judge Advocate



Major
RUSSELL HUEY
CO—Train Section



First Lieut.
OLIVER M. RAJALA
Chief—Convalescent Services



Major
PAUL W. MacCOY
CO—Medical Detachment



Captain
MINNIE L. YOUNG
Director—Personnel

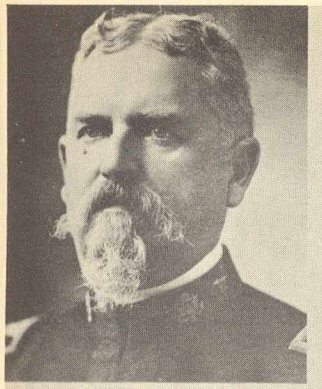


Captain
CHARLOTTE WOODWORTH
CO—WAC Detachment

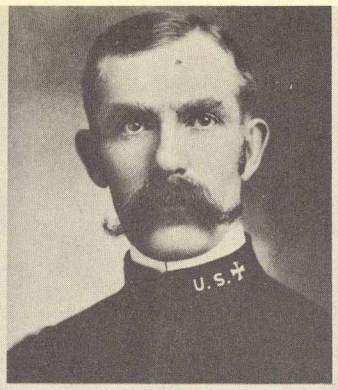


First Lieut.
FRANCES E. HARLLEE
Chief—Troop I & E

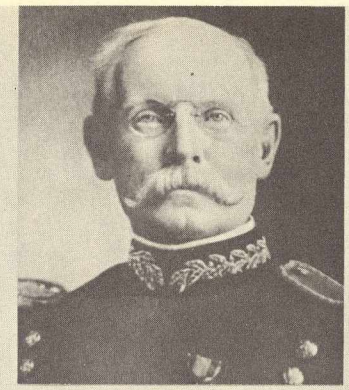
Long Line of Letterman Commanders Have Lived Here



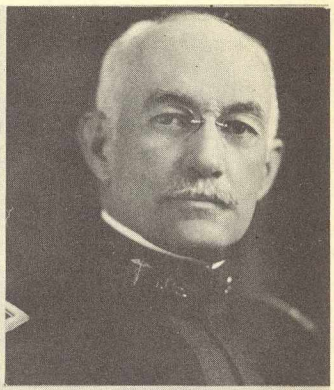
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ALFRED C. GIRARD
1899-1901



Major
WILLIAM P. KENDALL
1901-1904



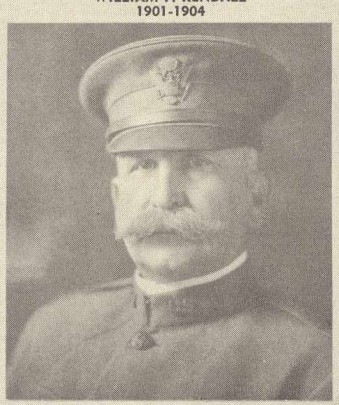
Brig. Gen.
GEORGE H. TORNEY
1904-1908



Lieut. Colonel
JAMES D. GLENNAN
1910-1913



Lieut. Colonel
EUCLID B. FRICK
1913-1914



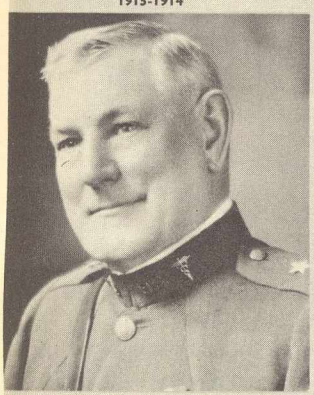
Colonel
GUY L. EDIE
1914-1918



Colonel
ROBERT M. THORNBURGH
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EUGENE G. NORTHINGTON
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JAMES M. KENNEDY
1919-1922 & 1924-1926



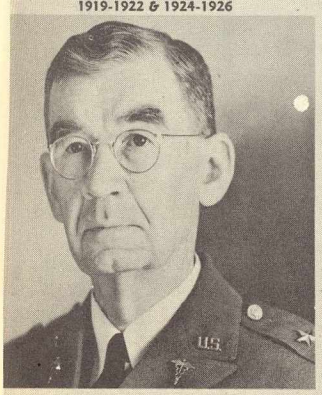
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1922-1924 & 1926-1927



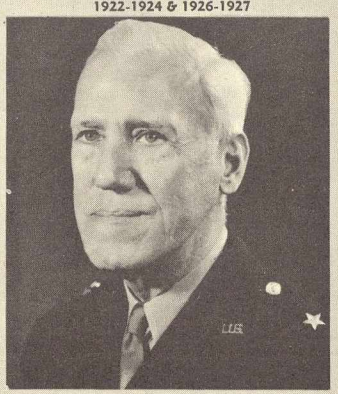
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WALLACE DE WITT
1927-1931 & 1940-1942



Brig. General
M. A. W. SHOCKLEY
1931-1935



Brig. General
ROGER BROOKE
1935-1940



Brig. General
FRANK W. WEED
1942-1944

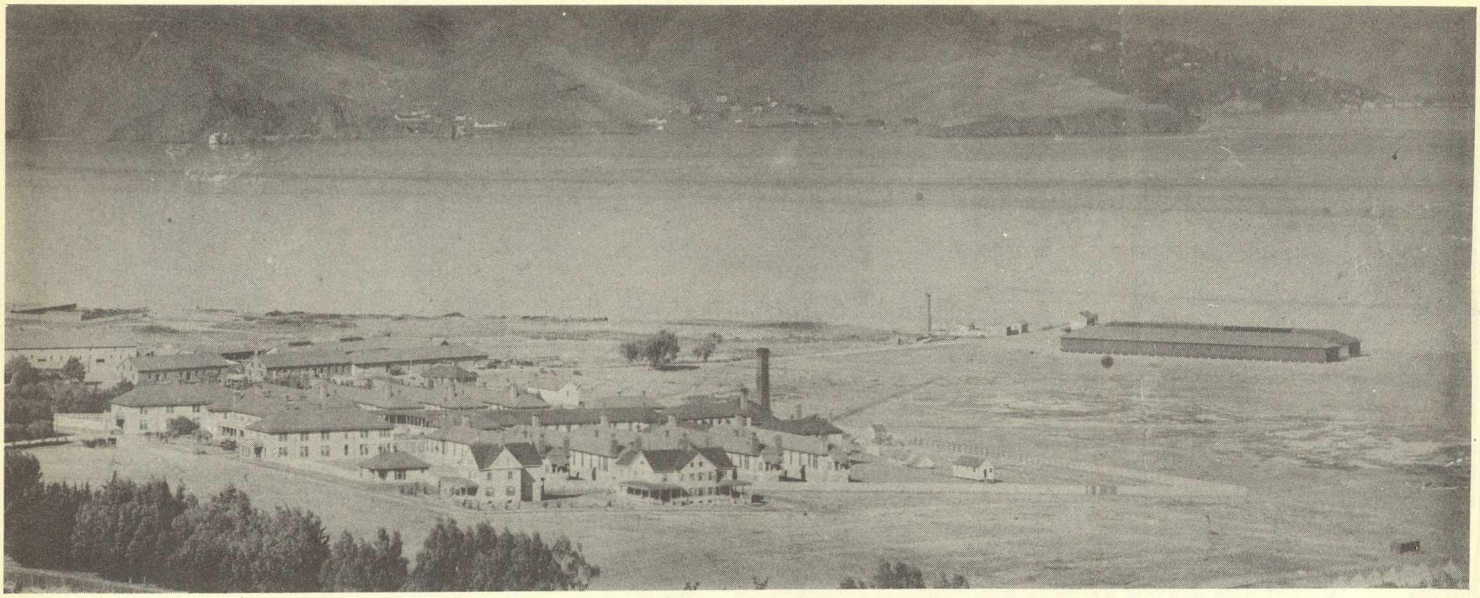


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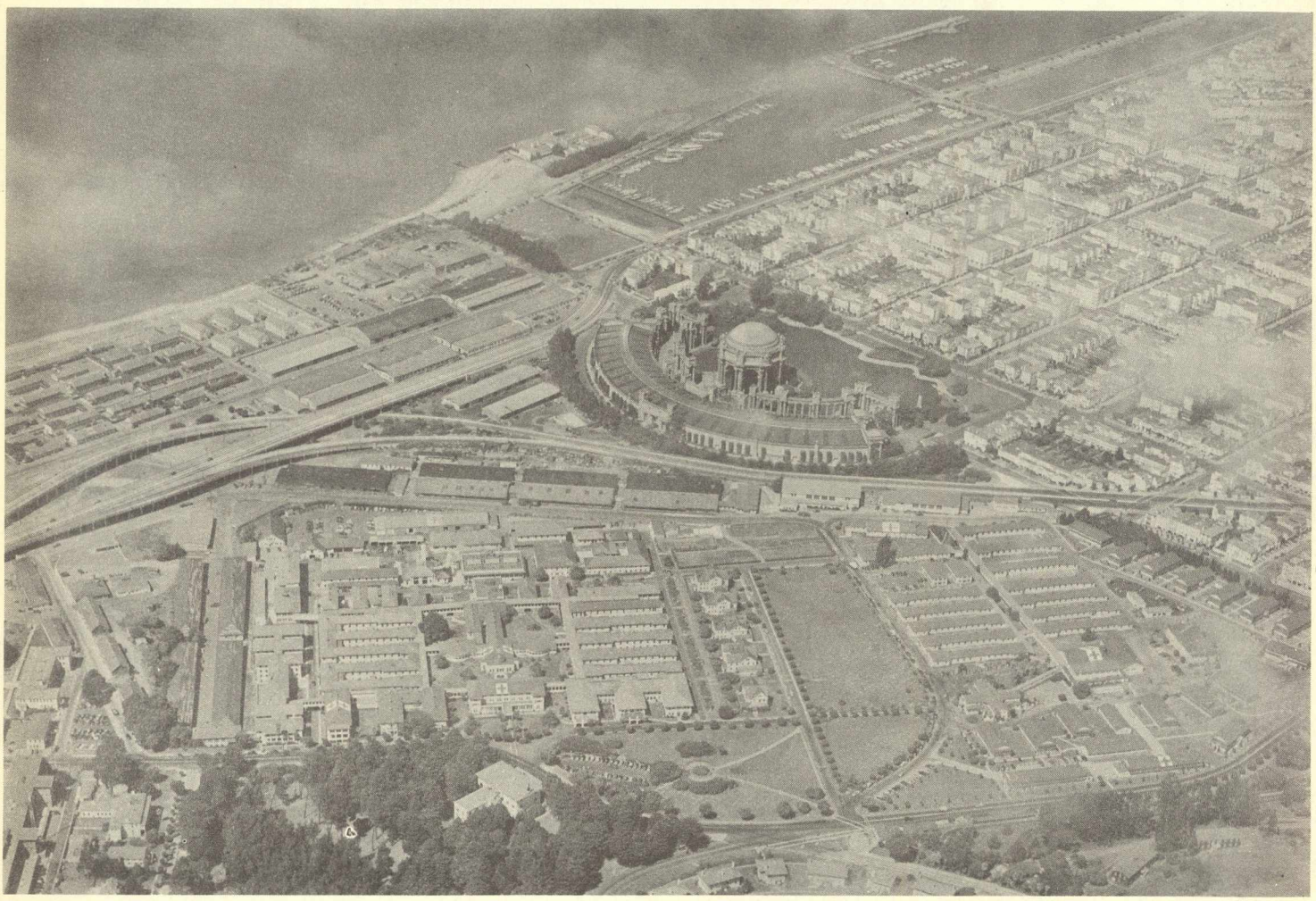


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DEAN F. WINN
1946-1948

Letterman General Hospital - - 1906



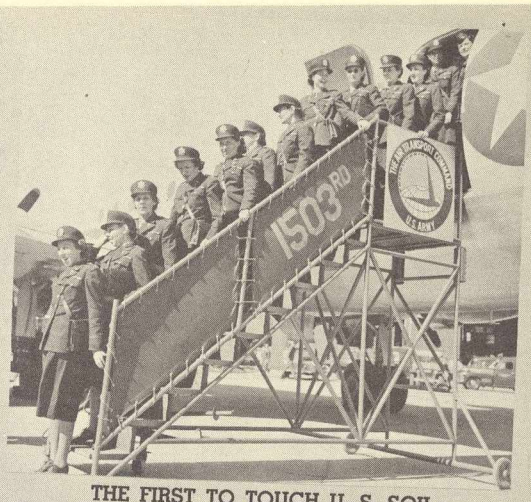
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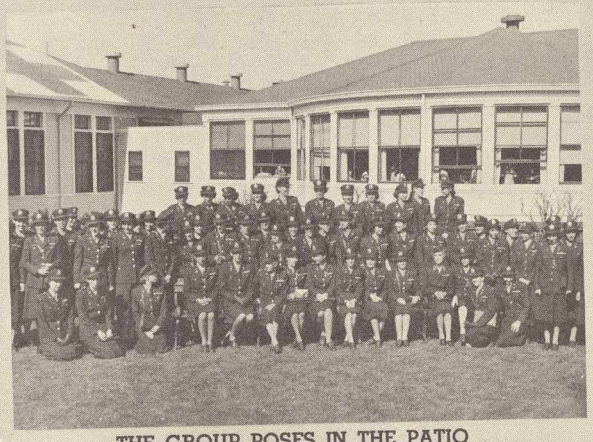
Highlight in Letterman History--Bataan Nurses Return



COSMETICS AGAIN
The first trip to the PX--L to R: Lt. Ruby F. Motley, Lt. Eunice F. Young, Lt. Winifred P. Madden, Lt. Earlyn M. Black. Mrs. Momsen was all set for the sale.



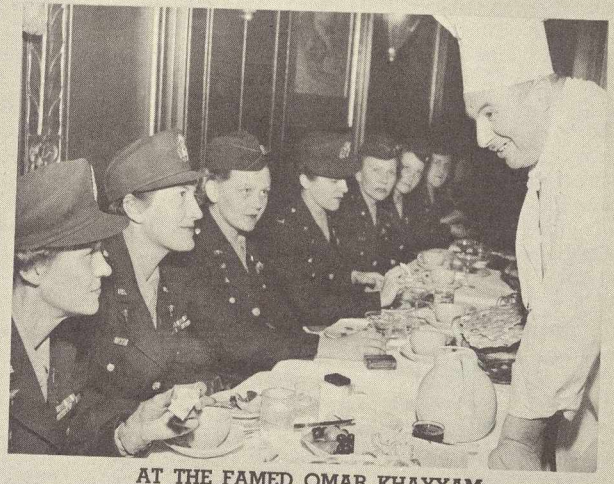
THE FIRST TO TOUCH U. S. SOIL
Capt. Edythe Shacklette leads the returning nurses to the homeland.



THE GROUP POSES IN THE PATIO



CO-HOSTS AT THE LETTERMAN LUNCHEON
The Surgeon General and Joe E. Brown share the head of the table.



AT THE FAMED OMAR KHAYYAM
George Mardikian entertains the nurses at dinner.

Friends in Need



Miss GRACE GUILFORD
Red Cross Field Director



Miss ANNA MAHONY
ARC Recreation Supervisor



Mrs. WILLIAM GRAY
Chairman, Gray Lady Corps



Mrs. ALICE THOMPSON
PX Manager

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operations; ether in nine operations."

About that time Colonel William P. Kendall, then commanding officer, received a "donation" of $585 from the Surgeon General for the purpose of purchasing billiard and pool tables and establishing a post exchange. He at once spent $550 for the tables and devoted the remaining $35 to establishing the Post Exchange. "A very carefully selected stock was purchased, turned over as rapidly as possible, and all debts liquidated with the profits before another stock was purchased." By means of this sound procedure the PX turned out at the end of the year to be worth $3042.07, with liabilities of $42.40." It had distributed $2590.91 out of its profits during the year for fixtures and repairs, newspapers and periodicals, athletics and in dividends, accomplishing a seemingly astounding return on the original $35 investment.

The following year, under the command of Brigadier General George H. Torney, the hospital enlarged the scope of its usefulness. Fewer patients were coming in from the Pacific, but it received all patients from the Presidio garrisons, and was handling special cases from every department in the states, serious surgical cases and EENT cases being sent here instead of to civilian specialists as was formerly the case. That year the hospital was made headquarters for dental work for the Department of California.

A forerunner of the hospital's present day interne training was planned by General Torney, who wanted to have junior officers assigned for a year's detail to study under the heads of the professional services, having them rotate every three or four months so they could have the benefit of a varied experience and study of the clinical material available in an Army General Hospital.

The "quantities of dust which swept over the hospital" mentioned in an early report, were not laid until 1905, when the roads were asphalted. An early photograph of the hospital, taken in 1906, shows the main building standing stark and bare, ungarnished by greenery, with a wide duckboard walk leading to a row of hitching posts in front of the hospital, in the present location of the parking space. The hitching posts were well patronized by horses.

On 18 April 1906 when thousands were left homeless after the San Francisco earthquake and fire, General Torney was put in control of the sanitation of the city, and the hospital was thrown open to the sick and injured. Food, bedding and clothing were issued to those in need and until quarters were available in various city hospitals, all civilian patients were admitted without charge. The hospital received high praise for its admirable emergency work.

Under General Order No. 152, dated 23 November 1911, the U. S. Army General Hospital became Letterman General Hospital, named in honor of Major Jonathan Letterman, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. The report to the Surgeon General that year stated that Letterman was used as a "base hospital for the Philippines and Hawaii, a post hospital for the Presidio of San Francisco, and it is the largest general hospital in the Army."

In that year (1911) the Dental Corps was created by Congress as an integral part of the Medical Department. Since 1901 civilian dentists had been employed on contract, on the basis of one for each 1000 men in the Army.

Annual admissions of patients during the years from 1911 until the beginning of World War I remained in the vicinity of 3000, and there were few changes in the hospital other than the construction of a hydro-therapeutic ward, a disinfecting and sterilizing plant and a nurses' dormitory.

During 1917, following the declaration of war with Germany on 6 April of that year, Letterman became a 1200-bed hospital, and was officially designated an orthopedic center, where amputation cases from the American Expeditionary Force were treated. Orthopedic Surgery became a separate service in June 1918, and an orthopedic shop, "fully equipped for the manufacture of braces, splints, steel, leather and wooden appliances and artificial limbs" was established. This shop has functioned continuously ever since it began, and during World War II and at present is still engaged in the manufacture of the various types of prosthetic appliances .

Early in World War I, the Surgeon General established the Division of Neurology and Psychiatry, and Letterman first became known as a psychiatric center during 1917-18.

The staff in the first year of the war numbered 35 officers, 114 nurses, and 347 enlisted men. The previous year the Medical Administrative Corps had been created as an integral part of the Medical Department, and certain of the officers had increased to 76, with 99 graduate nurses and 20 student nurses. The patient load at that time was 1800.

An effort was made to assign members of the Army Nurse Corps in the proportion of one nurse for each ten patients, and in order to provide for augmenting the nursing staff, Letterman was one of the hos-

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pitals in which an Army School of Nursing was established in 1918. At the beginning of hostilities there were only 403 nurses in the ANC, but 18 months later the corps had increased to a strength of over 21,000. It was not until 1920 that relative rank was provided for ANC members, by an amendment to the National Defense Act of 4 June 1920. This did not, however, provide the same pay and allowances as for officers of equivalent grade.

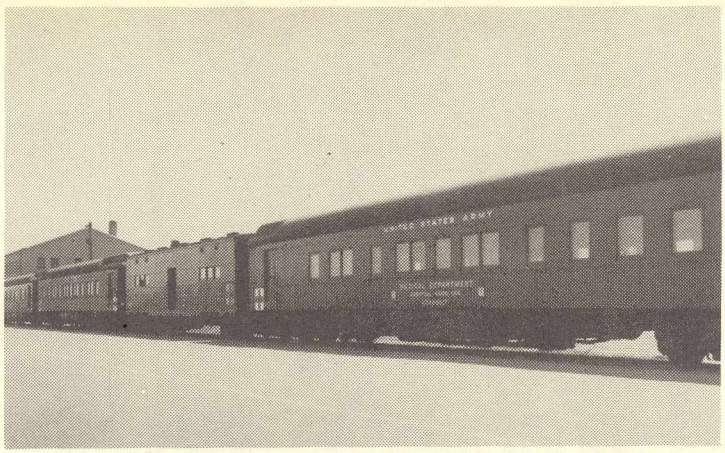
During and after World War I the program called "physical reconstruction," a forerunner of the present Physical Medicine Service, was begun at Letterman. It was defined by the Surgeon General as "the complete medical and surgical treatment carried to the point of maximum restoration, both mental and physical." To attain these objectives, a Physio - Therapy department, staffed with specially trained reconstruction aides, was established; an Occupational Therapy program got under way, and an Educational Service was established, with classes in various academic and commercial subjects.

The Red Cross established a Convalescent House at Letterman during the war, and in 1917 began to do ward visiting, distributed articles of comfort to the patients, and carried on supplementary activities in recreation and entertainment for both patient and duty personnel.

An article which appeared in the "Army and Navy Journal" during the war pays this enthusiastic tribute to Letterman's achievements during World War I:

"The fame of Letterman has stretched to the four corners of the nation and to foreign lands, where it is rated among the top-notchers, and it is this reputation that has attracted some of the finest surgeons and medical men of the country for service on its staff. Positions on Letterman's staff are at a premium because of this fact, and the administration is thus able to select the men best suited for its needs—all surgeons know Letterman as a hospital that stands as a monarch of them all."

By 1921 the bed capacity of the hospital had been reduced to 750, and the hospital was caring for Veterans Bureau patients (250 beds were allotted) as well as military personnel from the Philippines, Hawaii, China, Alaska and the Western



HOSPITAL TRAIN
On siding near hospital all ready for loading.

States in what was then known as the Ninth Corps Area.

The annual report of the hospital indicated the following "full and complete facilities for diagnostic and clinical purposes: large neuro-psychiatric ward, X-ray laboratory, EENT section, hydrotherapy and physiotherapy ward, bacteriological and pathological laboratory, orthopedic clinic, genitourinary section and dental section."

In 1920 the Secretary of War approved the plan of the Surgeon General for an Army hospital interne training program, with pay of $60 a month plus rations and quarters, and status of civilian employees for the internes. In 1924 the internes were militarized by appointment as first lieutenants in the Medical Reserve Corps, and received pay and allowances of their grade while on active duty during the period of interneship. In that year a course for internes was established at Letterman, and the schedule of instruction then in operation for junior officers was materially expanded. A clinic was held one afternoon each week, interesting cases were presented, case histories were read and pathological material demonstrated. This program of interne training was discontinued and reinstated several times in the years between World Wars I and II.

During that period completion of extensive plans for the beautification of the grounds surrounding Letterman was carried out, and Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, who who served as commanding officer from 1927 to 1931 and again from 1940-42, was largely responsible for the handsome landscaping which makes the hospital outstanding in that respect at present.

The Out-Patient Service, as such, following a change in designation from "Dispensary and Attending Surgeon" was first reported in 1927, during which 5000 patients were treated, and over 10,000 treatments given on that service.

Beginning in 1933 Letterman handled its share of the million and a half young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and for a time more than 20 per cent of the patients admitted were CCC patients. During these years the annual admissions approximated from 4500 to 5500. In 1940 there was a marked increase in the strength of the Army resulting from the expansion of the Regular Army, the federalization of the National Guard, and inductions under the Selective Service Act, and admissions to Letterman that year totaled over 9000, with average duration of treatment per patient ranging from 29 to 37 days.

Previous expansions of the facilities of Letterman to meet the emergencies of former wars seemed minor in the face of the swift increase following the Pearl Harbor attack on 7 December 1941. The hospital became a debarkation hospital for casualties from the Pacific Area. Annual admissions mounted, the bed capacity was increased to 3500, the facilities of a San Francisco civilian hospital were added to those at the Presidio, and during a single year, 1945, Letterman took care of a peak load of 72,000 patients.

In one day, 20 October 1945, an all-time high in the number of admissions was established, when 1862 patients arrived. Of that number 991 were recovered American military personnel, known as RAMPS, who had been in enemy prison camps during the war.

As a debarkation hospital Letterman functioned swiftly and efficiently in moving patients who arrived by ships and by air to hospitals near their homes, while others remained here for further treatment. Patients were evacuated by air from Mills Field and by hospital train from Crissy Field here on the post.

The Hospital Train Unit, first authorized in July 1944, and still in operation, is a veritable "community on wheels," providing mobile wards on hospital trains, by means of which patients are moved to hospitals in various parts of the United States.

As first organized, the Unit functioned as the 1960 Service Command Unit, but in July 1946 it was redesignated as the 9956 Technical Service Unit, Surgeon Generals Office, Letterman General Hospital (Hospital Train). At the same time the activities of the section were merged with those of the Evacuation Section of LGH, and thereafter the mission of the section became three-fold. It included the handling of overseas patients to and from LGH; maintenance and operation of the hospitalization facilities of Crissy Annex of LGH, and the maintenance and operation of hospital trains.

The hospital trains are made up of ward cars, a utility car, cars for the working personnel on the train, and a kitchen car. A train Chief Nurse, additional nurses as required by the condition of the patients, and officers and enlisted personnel qualified to perform necessary duties on the trains while en route, make up the train staff. Red Cross workers travel on the trains to supervise recreational activities during the trip.

In August 1947 Letterman was designated the Headquarters Hospital Train Section in charge of hospital train movements on the East as well as on the West Coast, and the hospital train section at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, has since that time been known as the Camp Kilmer detachment, Hospital Train Section, Letterman General Hospital. Purpose of the consolidation was to conserve personnel.

In November 1945, Letterman,

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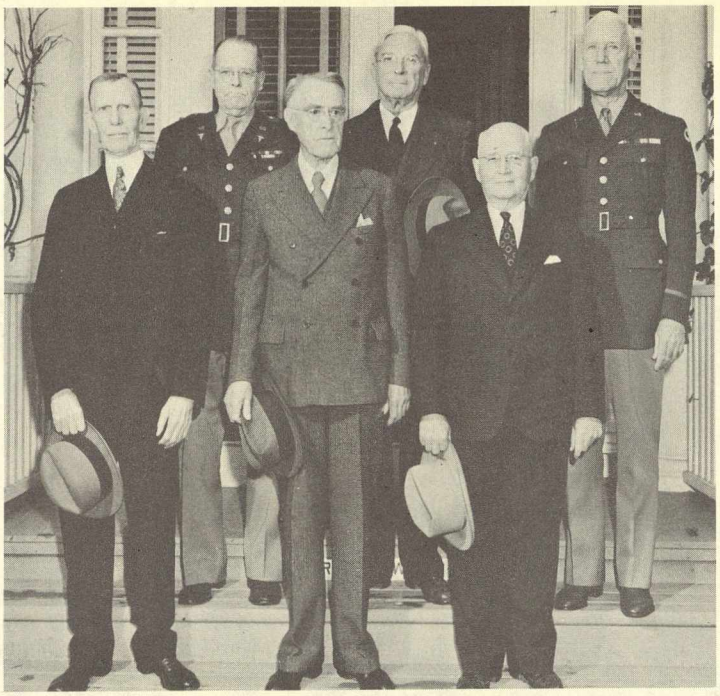
having been a debarkation hospital for three years, reverted to the status of a general hospital. After the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific it was estimated by the Surgeon General that the job of getting back the war wounded from that area would be completed in 90 days. But by the end of October, a little over 60 days, all of the hospitals overseas were practically cleared of war casualties, and as a result of this fast work Letterman again became a general hospital for definitive treatment, while still continuing to serve as a debarkation hospital for patients coming in from overseas in the occupation forces. In June 1946, after having been under the Ninth Service Command during hostilities, Letterman was returned to the jurisdiction of the Office of the Surgeon General.

In recognition of the superior work accomplished during the three years of the war that Letterman was a debarkation hospital, the organization received the War Department award for meritorious service given for performance of exceptionally difficult tasks.

Letterman has received the greater part of the casualties from the Pacific Theatre of Operations, and however great the number arriving, the organization here was prepared to receive the sick and wounded, process them, clothe them, pay them and get them on the way to the interior in an average of less than five days. As a result of receiving the award, which is a plaque bearing a green laurel wreath with the word "Service" above, and "Award of Merit" below, military personnel of the command now wear a sleeve device showing the laurel wreath in golden yellow on olive drab.

In August 1944 the station hospital of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation became officially a part of Letterman. Formerly Dante Hospital, a civilian establishment at Broadway and Van Ness, it was known as Dante Annex of LGH until 30 June 1946, when it was deactivated and returned to civilian hands. The Medical Service of Letterman and the Obstetrical Section were housed at Dante.

Shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack, in August 1941, Letterman began publication of the weekly eight-page paper, the "Fog Horn," published "by and for the personnel of Letterman General Hospital." The Fog Horn has been published continuously since that date. As stated in the editorial in volume one, number one, which appeared 23 August 1941, "the scope of the paper will include general news of interest to those of the defense forces of the nation, as well as news of local origin about those in our midst."



OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMMANDED LETTERMAN
Reading from left to right—with dates of tenure of command: Front Row—Colonel John P. Kendall 1901-1904; Colonel Euclid B. Frick 1913-1914; Brig. Gen. Albert E. Truby 1922-1924 and 1926-1927; Rear Row—Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt 1927-1931 and 1940-1942; Brig. Gen. M. A. W. Shockley 1931-1935 and Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed 1942-1944 since deceased.

Highlighting the happenings of the war years at LGH were the arrivals of the "Angels of Bataan," the eight nurses who escaped from Corregidor before the island fortress fell. Their reception at Letterman was second only in importance and festivity to the one given the 70 Bataan nurses who did not escape and who were liberated after three years internment at Santo Tomas prison. On that occasion, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, then Assistant Surgeon General, came here from Washington to welcome the nurses. The following week the first of the liberated men who were at Bataan returned and were given a mammoth reception here. Major General Norman T. Kirk, then Surgeon General, returned during the same week from an inspection trip in the Pacific Area, and he extended a welcome to the veterans.

During and since World War II, personnel of Letterman have been outstanding in their cooperation with the various civic drives for funds, and in April 1944 Letterman was awarded the Treasury "T" banner for participation in the War Bond pay reservation drive. This meant that 90 per cent of the civilian personnel at LGH had participated to the extent of having 10 per cent of their salary deducted for the purchase of war bonds.

Women became an integral part of the Army for the first time during World War II. The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, forerunner of the present Women's Army Corps, was established in 1942, and that year dietitians and psysical therapists were included in Medical Department personnel with relative rank status. In 1943 female physicians and surgeons were authorized to serve as military personnel for the duration of the war plus six months. The year 1947 saw the inauguration in the Medical Department of Regular Army status for members of the Army Nurse Corps, and the creation of a new organization, the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, with commissioned rank for physical therapists, dietitians and occupational therapists.

At one time during the war there were three companies of WACs on duty at Letterman; at present there is one. One woman physician was assigned to duty here for over a year, and there are now Regular Army members of each of the three branches of the Women's Medical Specialist Corps on duty here. Members of the Army Nurse Corps have of course been at Letterman since the beginning. Those on the feminine military personnel staff here have earned high approbation for their work from the rest of the hospital staff.

Letterman's excellent recreational facilities for both patients and duty personnel include the modern and

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Former Commanders Lose Unanimity in Choice of Residence

For many years Letterman enjoyed the unique distinction of having all of its surviving commanding officers living within the proverbial stone's throw of their former command.

In December 1942 the then Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, and the five surviving predecessors posed for a picture on the steps of the Commanding Officer's Quarters and it is published again in honor of Letterman's anniversary.

Since that time General Weed has passed on, and his successor Brigadier General C. C. Hillman moved off to Florida on retiring from active service. Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, who succeeded General Hillman, likewise left California to settle in Texas when retirement was in order.

The exodus continued when Brigadier General M. A. W. Shockley moved to Fresno, but we still have Brigadier General Albert E. Truby, Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, and Colonel John P. Kendall in residence in San Francisco, while Colonel Euclid B. Frick lives just a "piece down the road" or in Palo Alto.

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well-equipped gymnasium and swimming pool, known as the Letterman Sports Center, where physical reconditioning for patients and a sports program for duty personnel is carried on the Recreation Center, staffed by Red Cross personnel, where shows and other entertainment features are staged; the recreational library, with a collection of over 13,000 books, and the hospital radio station, KLGH. Known as the "Bedside Network," the station has a continuous program during the day and evening hours, and reaches patients both by loudspeakers and by individual receivers provided for all bed patients. Over these receivers patients may listen not only to KLGH but also to three other channels over which national programs are broadcast.

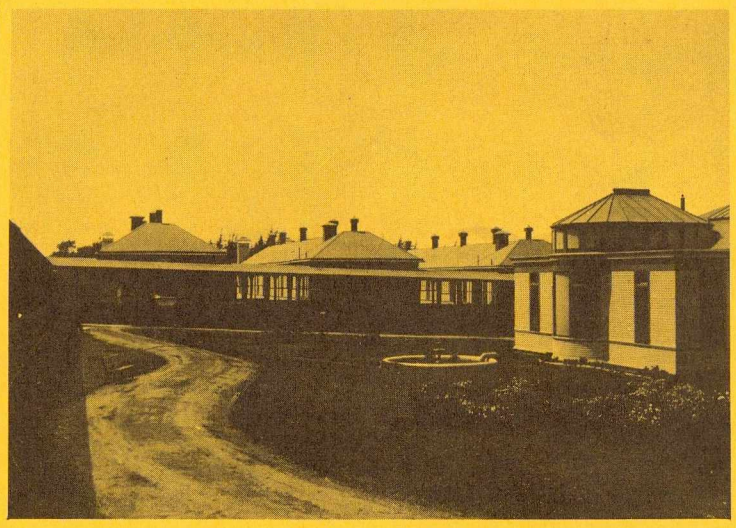
An extensive educational program is also provided for personnel of Letterman, through the Troop Information and Educational Section of Convalescent Services Division. Both patients and duty personnel may take courses given by the United States Armed Forces Institute, or may take advantage of courses given here on the post in a number of subjects.

During the war the Red Cross conducted an extensive program of service to the patients, both from the standpoint of social service and from the recreational standpoint. In 1936 the first Gray Ladies, volunteer Red Cross workers, began their work here, and since then members of the group have given generously of their time in morale-building activities. Both these programs are still being conducted.

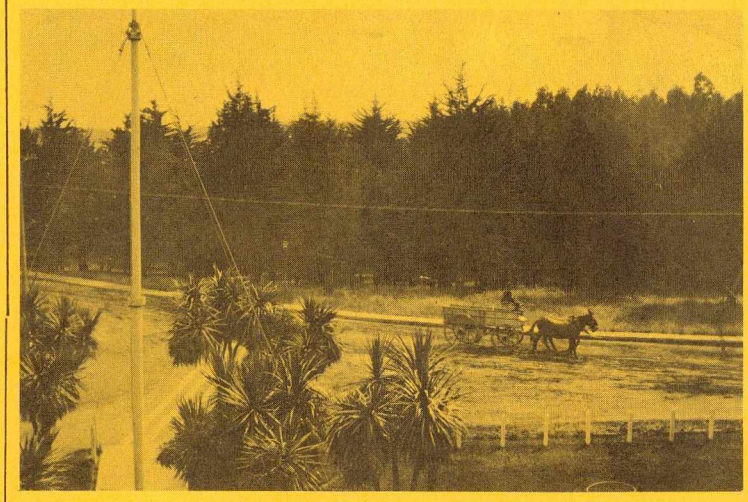
Prominent stars of stage, screen and radio have given of their time and talent to entertain Letterman patients, both during and since the war.

A list of the current professional services now in operation at Letterman serves to indicate the expansion of the hosptial's activities in recent years. In May of this year the first Director of Professional Services was appointed, Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, and under his guidance the following professional services function: Surgical, Medical, Orthopedic, Out-Patient, Neuropsychiatric, EENT, Laboratory, Radiological, Physical Medicine, Dental and Nursing.

Letterman is one of a limited number of Army general hospitals which has been designated as a residency training center, where medical men are prepared by special training for American Specialty Board examinations. Army patients are sent here from many parts of the United States for care and treatment, and the hospital is still the main debarkation point for patients from the Pacific Area. In addition to military patients, it provides care for dependent wives and children of officers and enlisted men, retired service personnel and their dependents, civilian personnel evacuated from the Pacific area, and for certain designated veteran patients of the Bay area. Because of the large variety of types of rare and unusual diseases treated at Letterman, as well as because of its complete laboratory and medical library facilities, Letterman is highly rated among Army hospitals designated as residency training centers.



Patio in 1911



Transportation—1911

The residency training program is a three-year one, during which residents are known progressively as assistant residents, residents and senior residents. They are a part of the house staff of the hospital as distinguished from the assigned staff. In addition to the residency training program a continuous program of interne training is carried on.

Letterman has been approved for residency training by the American Medical Association and the American Specialty Boards for the following specialties: General Surgery, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Orthopedics, Pathology, Urology, Dermatology and Syphilology, Otolaryngology, Opthalmology, Ophthalmology, Neurology, Physical Medicine and Anesthesiology. It is believed that in the near future the specialties of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatrics will be added to the "approved" list.

The bed capacity of Letterman at present is 2185, with approximately 14,500 patients admitted to the hospital annually. The patient load averages 75% of bed capacity. Approximately 100,000 outpatient treatments are given annually, 50% of which are given by Out-Patient Service, the remaining 50% being given in the clinics operated by the various services.

Plans are now in the making for a new Letterman General Hospital, to be located on the site of the present Presidio golf course. When completed, it will have accommodations for 1500 patients. One of the features of the new hospital will be a convalescent annex with a capacity of 500.

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Early in World War II, the then commanding general of Letterman, Brigidier General Wallace De Witt, assigned to Captain Lewis Sprecker the task of designing a regimental coat of arms for Letterman. The original drawing of the design now hangs in the office of Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the present commanding general. Since Letterman was established during the Spanish American war it was fitting that the elements of the design be contemporaneous with that era. At that time the Medical Corps color was green (maroon was not adopted until 1901) and the insignia used by the personnel was a Maltese cross. For that reason the color of the shield in the coat of arms is green and the center of the shield bears a Maltese cross.

The upper corners of the shield show a beacon on one side—a silhouette of Mile Rock lighthouse—and a caduceus—the present insignia of the Medical Corps—on the other. The shield is surmounted by a knight's helmet with open visor—the symbol of friendship.

The initial letters of the words of the motto on the scroll at the bottom of the coat of arms are the same as the initials of the hospital—LGH. The motto, which is "Labor Gratia Humanitatis," expresses very well the spirit which has pervaded Letterman all during its half-century of existence—"Work for the sake of mankind."

Germans to Get Truth from Army On Food Supply

(AFPS)—The Army intends that the people of Germany shall know the truth concerning the food and supplies sent to them by the United States. To that end a special Army mission has been sent to Germany to tell the 37 million inhabitants of Bizonia the facts.

Every person in the Western Sectors of Germany is supplied with 55 per cent of their food ration by the United States and Great Britain, with America providing two-thirds of this allotment. 750,000 tons of supplies move into the zone each month with the United States spending $590 million during the current fiscal year, as its contribution. The cost of supporting a German citizen is low, officials say, averaging $17 a day, and the United States pays two-thirds of this sum.

Much, well-earned publicity has been given to the allied airlift, but Army officials point out that the German people are getting little information concerning the less dramatic day-to-day food supply.

As a result, Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, ordered the mission to Germany, where, its members will confer with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, military governor in the American sector.

A comprehensive program of just what the western allies are doing for the German people will be formulated by the mission with the cooperation of General Clay. And, by means of press, radio and other media, factual information telling the truth about the food situation will be released to the German people.

The publicity-educational program will be, in part, tied in with the State Department "Voice of America" broadcasts and other United States information services, thus reducing the cost of this program.

The first hospital was established at the Presidio of San Francisco 101 years ago, in 1847, according to AGO records.

In 1939 dental interneships were established at Army general hospitals for the first time in the history of the Medical Department.

The first woman physician to be commissioned in the Medical Corps, AUS, was Dr. Margaret D. Craighill, commissioned 28 May 1943, with the rank of Major.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Warren A. Drake, a girl, **Deborah Leslie,** born 8 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene E. Croft, a boy, **Donald Eugene,** born 8 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. George W. McBrayer, a boy, **Kenneth Roland,** born 9 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles F. Corbett, a boy, **Danny,** born 10 November.

To W/O and Mrs. Verne A. Knapp, a boy, **Michael Thomas,** born 11 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Broaddus, a boy, **David Wayne,** born 11 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Roland Lyle Bare, a boy, **Lyle James,** born 11 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Osborne, a boy, **Ronald Eugene,** born 11 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. George Thomas Maddalena, a girl, **Michelle Frances,** born 12 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene Albert Marsh, a girl, **Laura Lynn,** born 12 November.

To Lt. and Mrs. Patrick Drury Leavy, a girl, **John Randall,** born 13 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur W. Halabrin, a girl, **Suzanne Galow,** born 14 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Russell J. Guarino, a girl, **Catherine Ann,** born 16 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry G. Knickerbocker, a girl, **Jennie Lynn,** born 16 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest E. Wilson, a girl, **Janet Kay,** born 16 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Edwin J. Krueger, a boy, **Jan Edwin,** born 16 November.

To Lt. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, Sr., a boy, **Charles William, Jr.,** born 18 November.

To T/5 and Mrs. Melvin Floyd Baines, a girl, **Jacquelyn Dianne,** born 18 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Mickey O. Stewart, a girl, **Marsha Jane,** born 18 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Odell W. Collard, a girl, **O'Dell Mary,** born 18 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. James W. Palmer, a girl, **Ruty Ruth,** born 24 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Clyde N. Myers, a girl, **Joan Trudy,** born 18 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles Norwood, a girl, **Zenoba Ann,** born 18 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Francis A. Post, a boy, **Francis Michael,** born 19 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William J. Cook, a girl, **Valerie Ann,** born 19 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Donald K. Cook, a girl, **Lynda Renee,** born 20 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Bill R. Black, a boy, **David Leslie,** born 20 November.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Vaughn I. Montgomery, a girl, **Karen Louise,** born 20 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Hansel E. Langston, a boy, **Robert Wayne,** born 20 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert F. Mitchell, a boy, **Robert,** born 21 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Conrad R. Kretschmer, a boy, **Keith Edward,** born 21 November.

To Cpl and Mrs. Darrell F. Turner, a boy, **Darrell James,** born 21 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James W. Mitchell, a girl, born 21 November.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Arthur C. Small, a girl, **Dana Lynne,** born 22 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Earl S. Brown, a boy, **Stephen Scott,** born 22 November.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Gerald J. McCoy, a girl, **Gerry Gee,** born 23 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Noel G. Coleman, a boy, **Noel Gordon,** Jr., born 23 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Edward F. Gormley, a girl, **Victoria,** born 23 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James L. Simpson, a girl, **Loretta,** born 23 November.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Ship "Hope" pushed back its arrival day until 29 November. It is fast becoming a custom for the Train Unit to have to work on holidays, so Organization Day is a "business as usual day" only more so. There are 250 patients aboard. The ship plans to stay here only four days and bring us back another load just before Christmas. Another holiday gone.

Sergeant First Class **Mack Nichols** left us this week after serving three years with this organization. He reenlisted for Oliver General Hospital to be nearer his folks in South Carolina.

To you who have missed the personable **Frank O'Connor** recently he is on an emergency leave in New Orleans. His four month old baby is very ill and in the hospital there. Frank received a ten day extension on his leave.

Corporal **Ruby James** underwent eye surgery last week to extract some brass that was lodged in there long ago. The surgery was necessary but it spoiled a trip to San Antonio for Ruby was destined to take a patient to Brooke General Hospital.

Corporal **Welton Sessums** is "that way" with a girl down in Texas so much that he practically follows the mail clerk around looking for that precious letter a day. Ask him is he in love and he readily comes back with the answer "Yup." Some of the boys are advising him to marry the girl and get over that feeling.

Sgt. **Alfred Sanchez** and Pvt. **Hipolito Morin** left last Wednesday with a patient for the VA Hospital in Los Angeles. It was too bad they missed the Thanksgiving meal Crissy Mess served as it was excellent.

Orders have finally arrived assigning Capt. **Charles Toombs** to Fort Shafter, Hawaiian Islands. Also included in that paragraph to accompany him was Captain **Robert Fanning** of the Dental Clinic.

The pheasant season lured M/Sgt. **George Washburn** from his job and he caught his limit the first day. George reports there were plenty of birds and not as many hunters as usual.

CWO **Edward Arlen** has finally found an apartment for his new bride but it took a lot of running around.

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Inspection Group Here from Surgeon General's Office

The Surgeon General's inspection group, sometimes known as the "Flying Circus," based at the Pentagon flew into Letterman Hospital on Wednesday afternoon of last week just too late to participate in our anniversary celebration.

This group of 15 officers and three civilians was headed by Brig. General W. D. Love, Assistant Chief of the Dental Division and Colonel A. H. Schwichtenberg, Chief of the Medical Plans and Operations Division, Office of the Surgeon General.

At a conference held early on Thursday morning Colonel Schwichtenberg outlined the purpose of the visiting group. He stated that, primarily, the chiefs of services who were in his party were anxious to acquaint themselves with the local problems at the hospital level and secondarily, they wished to give our staff an opportunity to meet and talk with the officers attached to the Surgeon General's staff in each of the respective sections. He expressed the hope that the visit would be of mutual benefit.

On this present trip stops were made at Scott Field, Kirtland Air Base and McCornack General Hospital before coming to Letterman. After leaving here stops were made at Madigan General Hospital and Fitzsimons General Hospital before returning to Washington.

Others on the trip were Lieut. Colonel Charles Bramlitt, MC, Personnel Division; Lieut. Colonel B. N. Riordan, MSC, Supply Division; Lieut. Colonel W. F. Bowers, MC, Surgical Consultants Division; Lieut. Colonel C. H. Gingles, MC, Medical Consultants Division; Lieut. Colonel S. W. Ranson, MC, NP Consultants Division; Lieut. Colonel A. A. Maley, ANC, Nursing Division; Lieut. Colonel Eleanor L. Mitchell, WMSC, Food Service Section, Medical Plans & Operations Division; Lieut. Colonel E. Lura, WMSC, Physical Therapy; Lieut. Colonel Ruth A. Robinson, WMSC, Occupational Therapy Branch; Lieut. Colonel H. A. Van Auken, Pathology & Allied Science Division; Lieut. Colonel J. F. Dominick, The Air Surgeon's Office; Major G. H. Hage, MSC, Educational and Training Division; Captain E. J. Lorenze, MC, Physical Medicine Division; Mr. I. Cogan, Resources Analysis Division; Mr. E. L. Hamilton, Medical Statistics Division; Mr. E. W. LaCross, Civilian Personnel Division, and Miss E. Higginbotham, Secretary.



Colonel A. H. SCHWICHTENBERG, MC
Air Force Liaison Officer at the Office of the Surgeon General and Chief of Medical Plans and Operations Division.

How Letterman Celebrated Its 50th Birthday

Last week Letterman observed its 50th anniversary with formal ceremonies and some of the traditional parties for the enlisted men and women, as well as the patients. The celebration started with ceremonies in the patio at 1:30 in the afternoon, which was followed by "open house," visitors touring the hospital under the guidance of the smartly groomed members of the WAC detachment. Seated on the platform for the ceremonies, in addition to those participating in the program, were Major General Walter M. Robertson, Deputy Commanding General, 6th Army, Major General George F. Moore, Deputy to General Mark Clark on the unification of armed forces facilities in the western states, Brig. General Garrison H. Davidson, 6th Army Chief of Staff. Brig. General Fenton S. Jacobs, Deputy Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Brig. General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services at Letterman, Dr. J. C. Geiger, Director of Public Health for the City and County of San Francisco, Miss Dora Thompson, long-time Letterman chief nurse, chief nurse at Letterman at the time of the big fire in 1906, and former superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, and Miss Margaret Knierim, former Letterman chief nurse, who on retirement in 1944 was the senior member of the Army Nurse Corps.

A feature of the formal ceremonies was the presentation to the hospital of a new television receiving set from the War Wounded Fund of the San Francisco "Examiner." This is the first television receiver

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The Golden Anniversary Celebration at Letterman

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to be donated to Letterman in anticipation of television being available in this area soon after the first of the year.

Many retired medical officers who formerly served on the Letterman staff were present for the occasion. Among others, Colonel A. B. McKie, former Executive Officer, Colonel Charles K. Berle, former Chief of the Medical Service, Colonel Lloyd L. Smith, former Chief of the Medical Service, Colonel Harry R. Berry, former Registrar, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, former Deputy Commander, Colonel Luther R. Moore, former Chief of Radiology, while sick in the hospital and too ill to attend the ceremonies was Colonel William D. Herbert,. former Registrar, at present a patient on Ward L-1.

Others noted were Colonel George Ekwurzel, Colonel Ziba Henry, Colonel Bertram H. Olmsted, Colonel Lawrence P. Pilsbury, Colonel Jesse I. Sloat, Colonel Albert G. Kinberger, Lieut. Colonel Edna Mahar, Lieut. Colonel Genevieve Bergeson, Lieut. Colonel Jessie Braden, Lieut. Colonel Nola Forrest, Lieut. Colonel Ann Hynds, Major Minnie Newell, Major Sally Schoenberger, Captain Eleanor E. O'Neill, Captain Elizabeth Trueholtz, Captain Louise M. Anschicks, Lieut. Beatrice Kellogg, Lieut. Deborah Richter, Lieut. Clara E. Ellwanger, Lieut. Carrie Howard and Lieut. Margaret Hennessey.

The following message from Earl Warren, the Governor of the State of California was read: **"I want to extend my congratulations, and best wishes, to the personnel and patients of Letterman General Hospital, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of this great institution. California is proud to have such a facility within its borders. You and your staff are to be commended for the work you are doing and I trust that you will continue to find great satisfaction in administering the services of Letterman General Hospital to the men of our army and to our veterans."**

Also congratulations from the Mayor of San Francisco, the Honorable Elmer E. Robinson: **"Let me extend both my personal and official congratulations to the staff at Letterman General Hospital on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.**

"Letterman General Hospital, over the years, has served this community very well in the services it has made available to our veterans. San Francisco is proud of the splendid record Letterman General Hospital has made in the service of our country.

"Together with every other San Franciscan, I hope that whatever new hospitals may be established in this community they will meet the high standards set in the administration of Letterman General Hospital. Many happy returns of this day!"

From Brig. General Paul H. Streit, Commanding Officer, Brooke General Hospital, the following: **"Letterman General Hospital has had a notable record as a medical institution. Its wards have cared for the wounded of three wars. In peace time it has carried forward the highest standards of the Medical Corps. Nestled at the verge of the Golden Gate, one of the world's most beautiful locations, with an enviable climate the year around, Letterman has always been a preferred station. My four years as Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service are filled with happy memories of pleasant association and fine cooperation among staff members. Hearty congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the organization of Letterman Hospital. Long may the "hospital with a soul" prosper and continue its outstanding work."**

From Brig. General Fenton S. Jacobs, the Deputy Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, the following: **"The San Francisco Port of Embarkation salutes its very good neighbor on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Letterman General Hospital December 1, 1948."**

From Colonel H. H. Twitchell, Commanding Officer, Tripler General Hospital, the following: **"We at Tripler greatly appreciate the invitation to be with you and your staff on 1 December. It is regretted that the distance involved makes it impossible for any of us to attend personally, but I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you at Letterman our heartiest congratulations on your "Golden Anniversary."**

"Although in a way we are the 'baby member' of the Army hospital system, having dedicated our new building on 10 September this year, we have quite a number of our staff who are former members of your Letterman family and we are already imbued with the Letterman spirit. Your record of achievement and progress at Letterman over a period of the past fifty years is an inspiration to us and we know that by emulation of your high standards we can carry our share of the Surgeon General's desire—to furnish our soldiers with the finest medical care in the world. Congratulations!"

From Colonel J. U. Weaver, Commanding Officer, Walter Reed General Hospital, the following: **"On behalf of the entire staff of Walter Reed General Hospital, I wish to extend our congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the organization of Letterman General Hospital. The fine traditions of Letterman General Hospital are known throughout the Army and it is our hope that your excellent work will continue through the coming years. It is indeed with regret that I am unable to attend your celebration of this anniversary."**

From Brig. General Eugene G. Reinartz, USA retired, the following: **"Congratulation to you and your staff at the time of the "Golden Anniversary" of your hospital. I regret inability to be present and wish you every success and a continuation of the outstanding service rendered at Letterman General through the years."**

From Colonel James E. Yarbrough, Commanding Officer, William Beaumont General Hospital, the following: **"I regret that I will be unable to attend the ceremonies commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the organization of Letterman General Hospital, but I do thank you for the invitation.**

"You are to be congratulated upon commanding such an outstanding organization as Letterman General Hospital. Its reputation and prestige speaks for itself.

"Please extend my congratulations to the members of your staff on this happy occasion."

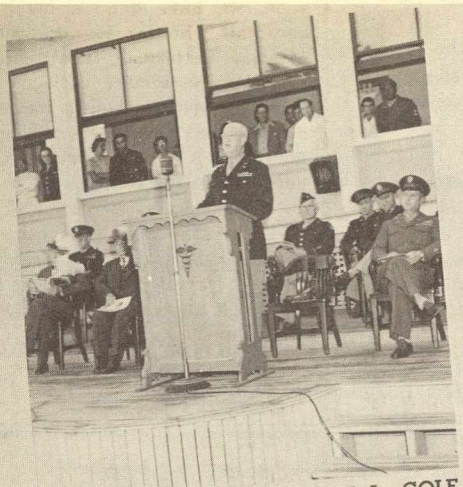
One old-timer present was Major Frank F. Ey of Los Angeles, California, now 71 years old, who said that he first saw Letterman General Hospital as a messenger to Major General William R. Shafter, Commanding Officer, Headquarters, San Francisco, in 1899. He also said that he was discharged as a patient

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COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES
FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE
1898 - 1 DECEMBER - 1948

1. "God Bless America" — Letterman Band
   CWO Oliver Margolin—Leader
2. Invocation — Chaplain George B. King
3. Word of Welcome — Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole
   Commanding General
4. Introduction of Former Commanding Officers
   Col. J. B. Stapleton—Executive Officer
5. Presentation First Television Set — Mr. Gray Creveling
   Representing San Francisco Examiner
6. Reading of Congratulatory Messages
   Lt. Col. W. L. Beswick—Inspector General
7. Felicitations on 50th Anniversary — Col. Alvin L. Gorby
   Representing the Surgeon General
8. Benediction — Chaplain Daniel P. Shea
9. National Anthem — Letterman Band

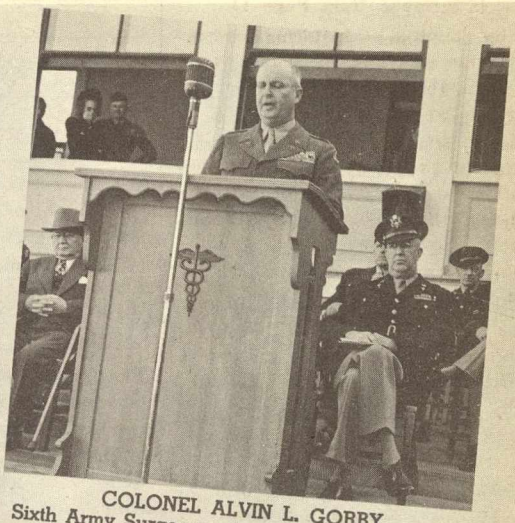
On the Letterman Scene for the 50th Anniversary



BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK L. COLE
Commanding General, opened the program with a speech of welcome.



HILDEGARDE
returned to Letterman to give a special anniversary show.



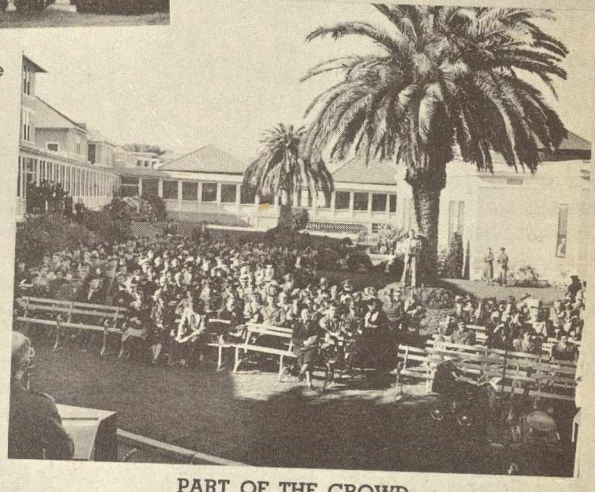
COLONEL ALVIN L. GORBY
Sixth Army Surgeon, principal speaker of the day, represented The Surgeon General.



READY TO WELCOME
distinguished guests to the 50th birthday celebration.



THE POSTERS TELL THE STORY
Charlotte Garrett and Glenray Blaskowsky, LGH civilian employees, pause under the colorful posters on their way to lunch.



PART OF THE CROWD
present in the patio for the formal anniversary ceremonies.

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EDITORIAL

GIVING

Now that the holiday season is close upon us, only those few who take seriously that oft-repeated advice to . "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" are able to sit quietly by and enjoy a well-earned leisure. These enviable people are few and far between, and most of us are still in the throes of wondering "what to get?" of all the bewildering variety offered.

But it still is not too late to take a long look at the list of those to whom you are giving, and to realize the importance of thoughtfulness as in integral part of giving. It isn't quite enough to merely give something to those we love and to friends we want to remember, we ought to be willing to devote both time and thought to searching out the gift that will best evidence our knowledge of the tastes and desires of those to whom we give.

Though time and thought are intangible, they are precious commodities, but when it comes to Christmas giving, nothing should be too precious to be used freely for those close to us.

Take the time to write the warm Christmas note, and to choose the gift that will be specially welcome.



In a message of congratulation on the occasion of Letterman's 50th birthday, Colonel **Mary G. Phillips,** Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, had this to say of the part the Army nurse has played in the history of LGH:

"Letterman's 50 years of progress are closely identified with Army Nurse Corps history. It was one of the first three stations to which women were assigned and Army contract nurses during the Spanish-American War served there and cared for the sick and wounded evacuated from the Philippines. As many as 300 patients arrived in one shipment on the 16th of November 1900—'the sickest patients yet brought into the Presidio,' according to the then commanding officer. It was a staggering burden for Letterman's small staff, but doctors and nurses and corpsmen worked around the clock and the majority of patients recovered.

"Letterman became, in 1905, the first regional headquarters for the procurement of Army nurses in the west, and the center from which nurses were dispatched for foreign duty in the Pacific. From Letterman also, 200 students of the Army School of Nursing were graduated in 1921, and today we are using Letterman for the training of Army nurses in operating room technique and in anesthesiology."

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The chiefs of the three branches of the WMSC, Lieut. Colonel **Edna Lura,** Physical Therapy Branch; Lieut. Colonel **Eleanor L. Mitchell,** Food Service Section; and Lieut. Colonel **Ruth A. Robinson,** Occupational Therapy Branch, here briefly from Washington last week, were entertained on Wednesday evening at the Top of the Mark with the LGH chiefs of the three branches as hostesses—Captain **Veda Buehler,** Captain **Velma Richardson** and Captain **Ada Bowers.** On Thursday evening the members of all three groups entertained the guests at a cocktail party at the Letterman Officers' Club.

WAC

Sergeant **Norma Underhill** of Central Service became the bride of Sergeant **Raymond Douglas** on Tuesday, December, in a ceremony at the Post Chapel. Sergeant **Elsie LePitre** was the maid of honor, and Sergeant **John Biddleman** was best man. The bride wore a gray suit with navy accessories, and carried a bouquet of white blooms centered with a gardenia. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the Maison Marin, and those present in addition to the bridal party included Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, the parents of the groom, Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** First Sergeant **Opal Glenn,** and Mr. and Mrs. **Ted White.** Sergeant Douglas has just received his discharge from the Army, and plans to attend medical school. He and Mrs. **Douglas** will spend their honeymoon in Denver.

Unexpected news came in this week of a new member of the detachment currently on leave—Sergeant **Loie C. Silsby** was interviewed on the air Wednesday on a Chicago radio program, and Lettermanites heard her tell that she was on her way back to duty here.

Four members of the detachment will be leaving shortly on six months recuiting duty. Sergeant **Gertrude L. Churchill** will report to Chicago for duty with the Fifth Army. Sergeants **Christine McConnell** and **Robbie Gaulding,** and Corporal **Louise Ahacic** will go to Fort Sam Houston for duty with the Fourth Army.

Sergeant **Betty Stahl** enjoyed a visit this week from Miss **Ethel Price,** a friend from Anchorage, Alaska, who is reported to be an ardent booster for the Far North.

Three members of the WAC bowling team took tumbles Monday night when they tried to follow the bowling ball down the alley—First Lieut. **Frances Harllee,** Sergeant **Jane Jones** and Pfc. **Lorraine Fincher.** Although both Lieutenant Harllee and Sergeant Jones have since been on sick leave due to flu, there are no known serious results of the tumbles.

Those who dial 2361 these days ars answered by one of the occupants of either barracks 213 or 214—depends on who gets to the phone first, since it rings simultaneously in both barracks. Occasionally a three-way conversation occurs, with amusing results. Anyway, the girls want to go on record as to the fact that they appreciate having the telephones right at hand.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 12 December, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Armed Forces Contribute to Community Chest

Contributions to the Community Chest from the Armed Forces in the Bay Area and vicinity totaled $103,000.33.

This sum represents the money donated by the military and civilian personnel of the Army, Navy and Air Force facilities.

Activities contributing to the sum include the major Army and Navy activities within the Bay Area, facilities in the Mare Island-Vallejo Area and the Fourth Air Force Headquarters at Hamilton Field.

Library

If you are a school person, or interested in what is happening in our schools, we recommend two new books: Miss Ballett, by Burke Boyce; and Ten o'Clock Scholar, by Marjorie Holmes. The first one pictures the influence of a teacher over her pupils, the teacher who is honest and cannot be bought with a red apple, a teacher whose ideas are her dedication and her reward. The second is a picture of a high school, with its intrigues, politics, disciplines, love affairs, and especially of Ralph Mallison, who moves up from principal of a country school to the superintendent of a large city system, and of his wife who is not too well educated but who uses her charm and attraction for men to smooth the path. They are good! In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



ARTHUR MURCHISON
Private

Private Arthur Murchison has always bemoaned the fact that he was born on 24 December. It seems that his friends always gave him one gift to cover both birthday and Christmas remembrances. It is merely a coincidence that he brings the matter up at this particular time.

"Murch" as his friends call him, was born in Winthrop, Arkansas. He is another of those Navy men who decided to keep his feet on solid ground for a while and turned to the Army to do it. He enlisted in the Navy in May 1943, took his "boot" training at Camp Scott, Idaho, and was then sent to San Pedro, California, to attend fire-fighting school.

Upon completion of his schooling he went to Portland, Oregon, to begin sea duty. His first trip took him to Hawaii, Guam, Okinawa and Tokyo. On the way back to the States the ship had a collision with a seagoing tub and had to be put in drydock in Guam. He returned on a naval transport and reported to San Diego to join another ship, this time going to New Orleans via the Panama Canal.

After receiving his discharge from the Navy he returned to Arkansas and drove a lumber truck for a few months, then in May of this year he decided to come back into the service and enlisted in the Army.

He was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for basic training, then was assigned to duty at Letterman, where he is orderly in barracks 563.

Murch went home to Arkansas recently for a brief leave to visit his wife and see his three-week-old daughter for the first time.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sergeant **Robert Greeley,** currently a patient on ward E-1, is the man who designed the handsome decorations used throughout the hospital for the 50th anniversary celebration. His design incorporated the letters LGH and "50" with the caduceus, and he used the Medical Department color, maroon, with gold and silver. Sergeant Greeley, who was wounded in Germany during the war, came to Letterman as a patient last May, and was briefly on duty in the Occupational Therapy Shop at the time when the call went out for the anniversary decorations. He says he didn't do any "hard" work, because he was obliged to go back to patient status, and personnel of O. T. reproduced his drawing the necessary number of times needed for the decorative scheme.

Captain **George Bryan,** patient on ward D-2, enjoys the reputation of being the most cheerful and congenial patient on the ward. He's ever-ready with a quip for every occasion, which proves that that old stuff about chess players being of a serious turn of mind is sheer nonsense.

When it comes to early birds, you can't beat Sergeant **William Luksewic,** patient on ward 40, who was on hand at 7:30 the other morning when **Zella Counts** of Occupational Therapy arrived. He came specially to lend a helping hand in setting up a loom.

Some people don't like it—but definitely—when you get their names mixed up. But **Cornelius Sam,** veteran patient on ward 29, doesn't mind it a bit that folks make it Sam Cornelius when it should be Cornelius Sam. They can call him what they like, even if it is "corny."

Lieut. Col. **John J. Heninger,** former Letterman patient, is back in the hospital again, and is a patient on ward D-1.

David Parker, veteran patient on ward 30, is a Navy veteran, and is always in there pitching for the Navy whenever there's any discussion. Still, being in an Army hospital, he's submitting to the unification idea with a good grace.

Patients who are interested in making their own Christmas cards or gifts will get plenty of help in the way of suggestions and ideas from the staff of the Occupational Therapy Shop, and there is still time to do some creative work on gifts between now and Christmas.

First Lieut. **Gerald Discroll,** patient on ward A-1, is handpainting his Christmas cards in oils, and as a result, he is cutting his list down to a minimum, but those who do rate a card from him will really have something.

First Lieut. **John Blackwood** of ward D-2, who had been a Letterman patient for some time, said goodbye to his friends here this week after receiving his discharge from the service. Lieutenant Blackwood's home is in Rodeo, California, so he will be near enough to keep his promise to drop in from time to time. His present plans are to go into the postal service, now that he is a civilian again.

The Creative Writing Class will resume sessions right after the holidays, on 5 January at 2 p. m., with a new instructor, and will meet every two weeks thereafter. San Francisco writer Mrs. **Maxine O'Brien** has volunteered to conduct the group. Those interested in joining the classes may do so by contacting **Mrs. Mili Hendrix,** club sponsor, at the Red Cross Recreation Center.

The November winner of the chess trophy was Chess Club member **Jack Condon,** veteran patient on ward 30, who amassed 68 points to earn the trophy.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells rang for Cpl. **Harold Nichols** of Troop Information and Education Office and his bride, Miss **Maria Matus,** last Saturday afternoon, when they were married by Chaplain (First Lieut.) **Daniel Shea** at the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio. The bride's uncle, **Julio C. Quintana,** Nicaraguan consul in San Francisco, gave her away. Her maid of honor was Miss **Graciela Castilio,** and Sergeant **Edward W. Sans** was best man. The bride wore a wedding gown of white satin and carried a white bridal bouquet. A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Los Angeles.

DO YOU KNOW?



GLENRAY BLASKOWSKY
Adjutant's Office

When Miss Glenray Blaskowsky first came to San Francisco a few months ago from Olympia, Washington, she had a slight case of homesickness for a while, but in the intervening time the well-known charm of the famed city by the Golden Gate has made her forget that, and she says she is liking San Francisco better every day.

People have a much easier time with her unusual and musical first name of Glenray than with her last name, and her family knows her as "Glennie." Glenray is secretary to the Adjutant here at Letterman, and says she finds her work interesting and full of variety. "I like the atmosphere of the office," as she puts it.

Glenray was born in Jamestown, North Dakota, but regards Olmypia, Washington, as her real home town because she grew up and went to school there. She took business and secretarial training in high school. After completing her studies, she worked for two years for the Washington State Employment Service.

Last summer her family moved to California, and they now make their home in Lodi. Glenray decided to come to San Francisco and live with her sister, who was already here and working for the Navy.

Glenray wanted to work for the Army, and came out to the post looking for the Presidio personnel officer. Someone directed her to Letterman, and a week after her arrival in the city she began work on her present job in the Adjutant's office.

She and her sister make frequent weekend trips to Lodi to visit their parents. Glenray's favorite leisure time diversions are bowling and dancing.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. Vallerie Stepter, former employee in the Laundry, was pleasantly surprised recently to receive word that the job suggestion she submitted while she worked here had received a $10 cash award. Her suggestion effected an improvement in shirt-pressing methods, and a check was mailed to her.

Mrs. Stella Zumwalt, Adjutant's office, is on two weeks leave and is moving from Berkeley to San Francisco—leaving behind the life of a commuter.

Jean Schwab, Mary Lou Marshall, and **Audrey Mathis** of the Post Exchange worked until 12 midnight on the 30th of November decorating the PX so it would look festive on the 50th anniversary of the hospital. **Mrs. Alice Thompson,** manager, praises them for the wonderful job done. **Bobbie Alexander** and **Laura Hoyt** are temporarily on duty in the PX, helping out during the Christmas rush. **Hazel McElhatton** is very thrilled over the news that her son-in-law, Air Sergeant **Bill Reddin,** will be stationed at Hamilton Field upon his re-enlistment. Her daughter, **Marian,** and Bill, are visiting her now from Omaha, Nebraska and she says it is nice to know they won't be so far away now. **Audrey** and **Chuck Mathis** bought a beautifully furnished home in San Anselmo and they are very busy settling down in their new home.

Herb Dahlka, Medical Supply, moved into a new apartment and is now redecorating the place with great enthusiasm. **Lillian Taylor,** Registrar, is thrilled over her new Frigidaire, says it is hard getting accustomed to eating cold foods. **Louise Smith,** Sick & Wounded office, is spending a month's leave with her father in Kansas City, Kansas. **Bill O'Brien,** Record Room, spent a recent week end at his favorite spot, his cabin at Boulder Creek, but said the heavy rains dampened his spirits.

Katherine O'Shea, Hospital Inspector's office, traveled to Los Angeles to see the Notre Dame-USC game recently and since this was her first time in Los Angeles she took advantage of the trip to do a lot of sight-seeing and she says it was quite an experience. **Helen O'Connell,** formerly in Detachment of Patients, visited with friends at Letterman recently. It's nice to see **Mary Reinert** in the Civilian Personnel office again.

SIX YEARS OF TRAVEL IN THE WAC LEAVES TEXAS ACCENT STILL INTACT



Captain GLADYS FOLEY, MSC
Newcomer to Letterman

Captain Gladys Foley, MSC, who arrived at Letterman last week, is a native of Texas, and in spite of the travels in this country and overseas incident to her six years in the WAC, she still retains the soft beguiling accents that proclaim her a true Texan. She has a dual assignment here, as administrative assistant on the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, and as assistant club officer.

Before she joined the WAC in July 1942, Captain Foley was in the teaching field. She has her B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and did graduate work at the Colorado State College of Education in Greeley, Colorado. She was a teacher for a time, and later principal in elementary schools in her home state. She has enjoyed her work in the WAC so much that she has applied for a commission in the Regular Army.

After induction in the WAC, Captain Foley was sent to Des Moines, where she was a member of the fourth OC class. She then went to the 2d WAC training center at Daytona Beach, Florida, and was company officer and assistant chief of basic training. This duty involved writing courses for the basic trainees. She was at Daytona Beach from the time the center opened until it closed in January 1944, after which she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, as OCS instructor at the 3d WAC training center.

She was CO of the War Department detachment of WACs in Washington, D. C. for a time, then went to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, as assistant chief of the correspondence section and assistant club officer.

In October 1946 Captain Foley went to Germany, with station at Heidelberg, and was director of the WAC training center there, being responsible for the course of study for the OCS and non-com classes. She was overseas for two years and during that time took advantage of the opportunity to visit as many of the European countries as possible. She went to Paris, the French Riviera, London, Rome, Vienna, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and Brussels.

Captain Foley had been in San Francisco on a vacation in 1939, and when she returned from overseas recently she requested an assignment on the West Coast, in San Francisco if possible, so she is particularly happy with her assignment to LGH. She has been searching for an apartment since her arrival, and though she now has a roof over her head, there just aren't enough rooms under it to make an apartment. In her free time she enjoys going to football games, dancing, movies, and reading.



To Corporal and Mrs. Charles D. Gelisse, a girl, **Susan Joyce,** born 24 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. Edward E. Padilla, a boy, **Edward Domingo,** born 24 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Wiley Ward Boroughs, a boy, **James Ward,** born 25 November.

To Captain and Mrs. John W. Burkett, a boy, **John Watson,** born 25 November.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Charles Jay Bliss, Jr., a boy, **Charles Jay, III,** born 26 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Earl E. Chase, a girl, **Peggy Jo,** born 27 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. George N. Lucas, a girl, **Alice Joan,** born 27 November.

To Major and Mrs. Woodrow W. Magness, a girl, **Margaret Elsie,** born 27 November.

To Sgt. 1/c and Mrs. Frank M. Wambeke, a girl, **Mary Angela,** born 28 November.

To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Carroll D. Funk, a girl, **Elizabeth Alice,** born 29 November.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. George E. Hochstetler, a boy, **John Edward,** born 29 November.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Howard M. Dunham, a girl, **Deborah Ann,** born 27 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Jack Hicks, a boy, **Edward O'Neill,** born 29 November.

To Captain and Mrs. Stanley L. Forster, a girl, **Kathleen Mae,** born 29 November.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles W. Anderson, a girl, **Dorothy Sue,** born 30 November.

"Now, then, what should a polite little boy say to a lady who has given him a nickel for carrying her suitcase?"

"Lady, I'm too polite to say it!"

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Nine hospital cars left Wednesday en route to all the General Hospitals spread around the country. Their leaving is a usual occurrence but this time four cars have been diverted into Camp Kilmer. They will spend their Christmas in New York and will return to this station with patients from the hospital ship "Comfort" which arrives on the East Coast from Germany on the 27th of this month.

Sfc. **Treen Burrow,** the new chief clerk of the Evacuation Office, found out this week how to bring order out of chaos. Monday night in his sleep he kept calling for litter carriers to go to Fairfield Air Base on the double. In actual operation early Tuesday morning his office force, were a little embarrassed when a Metropolitan ambulance had to fall out of the convoy to Fairfield when it ran out of gas.

M/Sgt. **Frank O'Connor** returned this week with the good news that his baby is improving rapidly after a very serious illness. Frank has spent the last three weeks in New Orleans to be near the baby and to comfort his wife.

Sergeant First Class **John Mack** took his "rolling kitchen" out to Battle Creek, Michigan, on Wednesday. This was the first time a kitchen car has been used for some time and with its new paint job, it really looked "sharp."

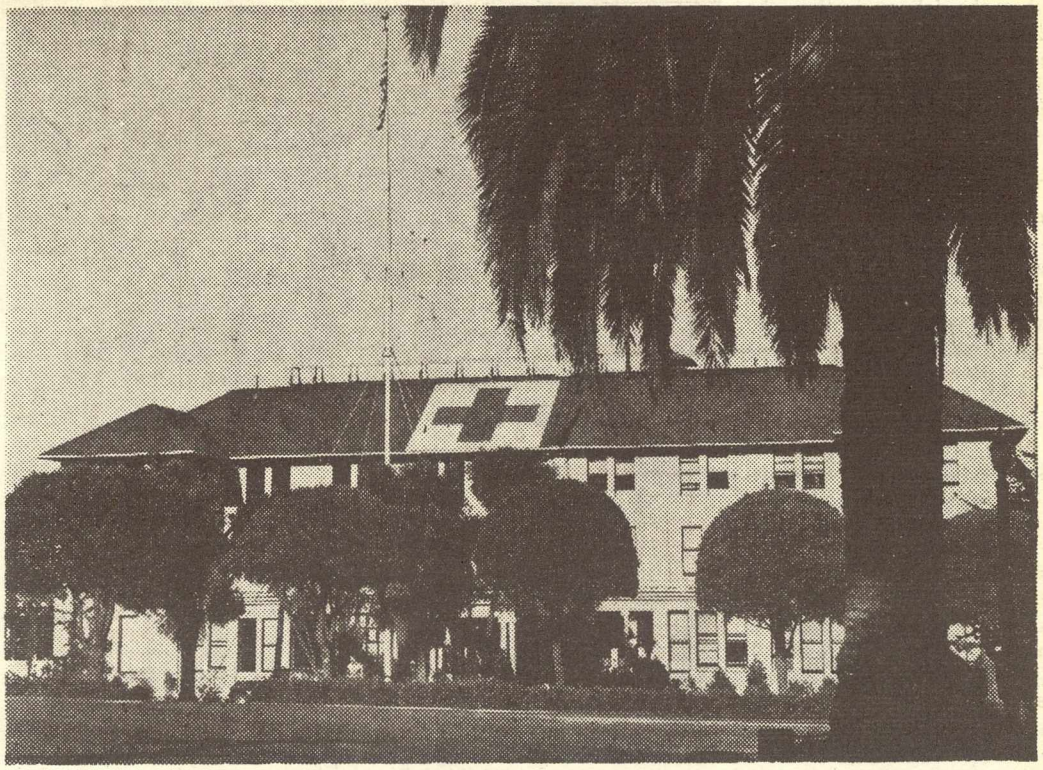
Brigadier General and Mrs. **Frank L. Cole** were seen at trainside on Wednesday prior to the departure of the Eastern Train. Mrs. Cole seemed quite interested in the hospital cars and the operation of the train.

Cpl. **Reginald Johnson** took the trip of the week. At Chicago he leaves the Hospital Train and will endeavor to get a veteran patient to his home in Aitch, Pa. You never heard of it? Neither have the railroads or the bus lines. Huntington is as close as the railroads come to there and if the parents of the patient aren't at the station, Johnson will have to figure out a way to get him the remaining 14 miles. Go to Aitch, Johnson.

Overseas alert came in for Capt. **Russell Hey** this week. His first one to Korea was cancelled. This one is for Europe.

San Francisco News

SAN FRANCISCO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1948



Fifty years after its founding, Letterman General Hospital stands among full-leafed trees, green grass, and bright flowers on the grounds of the San Francisco Presidio. Yet when the hospital was organized during the Spanish-American War the site was called "a great mistake" by a contemporary chronicler, owing to "the quantities of dust which are swept over the hospital by the winds . . . and the markedly high humidity" in the rainy season. Today Letterman is widely called "the best hospital in the Army."

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Letterman Hospital Has 'Birthday'

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY
Adjutant General's Office
Washington, December 1, 1898

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 182

II—By direction of the Secretary of War, the division hospital at San Francisco California, formerly Independent Division 8th Army Corps Hospital, is designated as a general hospital, and will be under the exclusive control of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, in accordance with paragraph 1433 of the Regulations.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MILES:

A. C. Corbin
Adjutant General

The general hospital established by this order celebrates its 50th anniversary today. It is named after Major Jonathan Letterman, a surgeon in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. During World War II it was the debarkation funnel through which were poured almost all of America's thousands of Pacific casualties.

The 50 years of its history are also the 50 years during which the United States rose from a minor nation to the most powerful and important nation in the world. The wounded, homesick men who spent a few hours or days at Letterman General Hospital in 1943, 1944 and 1945—on their ways to other hospitals or to home— were part of the price America has paid for this position.

Birthday Dinner

Commanding officer at Letterman now is Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole. Today he welcomed a group of visitors and former commanders who gathered on the Presidio grounds to help the staff celebrate the hospital's golden anniversary.

The patients now in the hospital, including many still being treated for war wounds, were offered a special birthday dinner and a decorated cake was the prize for the best decorated ward.

Scores of congratulatory messages were received—from Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Surgeon General of the Army. from other Army and Navy bigwigs, from nurses who served at Letterman in years gone by, and even from some of the men who have lain in its beds and looked out over the green grounds of the Presidio.

Praise by Clark

"Letterman General Hospital's half century of service to Army and veteran personnel alike, and to humanity at large, has set a record of which we may all be proud," wrote General Mark Clark, commander of the Sixth Army.

The hospital staff has always been conscious of this larger responsibility. It is reflected in the motto which appears (along with a silhouette of Mile Rock lighthouse) on the hospital's coat-of-arms: "Labor Gratia Humanitas."

Bouquets to the People Who Really Staged the 50th



MARY McFADDEN
for her excellent story on the history of Letterman, following research from all available sources, including material from both the recreational and the medical libraries here.



ESTHER BESS
for the actual printing of the invitations, the dinner menu cards, the special cachet isssued for the day, and the programs for the ceremonies in the patio.



SALLY CRAIG
Sergeant
for reprint of the portraits used so freely in the anniversary issue of the Fog Horn, and her generous co-operation at all times.



REBECCA GARCIA
for typing painstakingly the greater part of the copy which went into making the 20-page paper published as our birthday issue.



LEE R. WHITE
Sergeant First Class
for being the general "errand boy" when supplies were needed in a hurry and shunting back and forth from town like a real commuter.



NANCY JONES
for leading her cohorts of beloved Gray Ladies on the decoration project and making the whole place ever so much brighter as a result.



HAROLD DIXON
Master Sergeant
for being "on call" at any time when a photo had to be taken "right now" and making us proud of the "art" which adorned the pages of the Fog Horn.



VELMA RICHARDSON
Captain
for working like the proverbial beaver on the birthday dinner and all the birthday cake that was consumed here on 1 December.

MORE ABOUT 50th ANNIVERSARY

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from this hospital 46 years ago.

The outstanding entertainment feature of the anniversary celebration was the hour-long show during which the "incomparable Hildegarde," in San Francisco for her annual engagement at the Mark Hopkins, played to a packed house of enthusiastic patients and duty personnel at the Recreation Center.

Red Cross personnel had made the Rec Hall festive for the golden anniversary, and rows of fresh flowers reached all the way across the footlights. After Hildegarde's appearance in a highly decorative gown of pale blue and gold, a bright "hildegarden" of laugh-provoking quips bloomed on the stage.

Hildegarde is a favorite at Letterman, having entertained here on several occasions. She sang a number of new and amusing songs, as well as three old favorites: "The Last Time I Saw Paris," "I'll Be Seeing You," and "Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup." Her accompanist, Salvatore, and Eddie Oliver and his band music for the show.

Between songs, when Hildegarde received a box of red roses, she grouped four of them in the manner of a well-known advertisement, and remarked, "I always say Four Roses make a nosegay!" She gave away all the roses to those in the audience, and Corporal Joe Brewer of Aurora, Illinois, patient on ward C-1, earned his roses by coming up on the stage to do a song at Hildegarde's invitation. He chose to sing "You Can't Be True, Dear," and got a big hand for his performance.

Following the show, refreshments were served to the audience and to those who came for the anniversary "open house."

Brig. General Frank L. Cole, Commanding General, has written a letter to the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee to compliment the committee on the excellent program and arrangements for the 50th anniversary celebration. General Cole deeply appreciates the sincere co-operation of all who participated in the planning.

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Former LGH Service Chief to Command the Army Medical Center

Brigadier General Paul H. Streit, one time chief of the EENT Service at Letterman, and present commandant of Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas, has been assigned to the command of the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C.

General Streit will assume command 15 January, succeeding Major General George C. Beach, Jr., who died 18 November.

Born in Seguin, Texas, on 18 March 1891, General Streit attended the University of Texas and received his M. D. degree from the Medical School of that university in 1916. On completing his internship at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston he joined the Regular Army Medical Corps as a first lieutenant, and went overseas with the 87th Division in October 1917. After the Armistice, having been promoted to captain, he took post-graduate nose and throat training at the University of Bordeaux, and on 1 November 1919, joined the American Typhus Relief Expedition, with headquarters in Warsaw, and served till 1 November 1920. He was then assigned to the Station Hospital in Coblentz, in the American Army of Occupation.

General Streit returned to the United States in 1921 and was assigned to Fort Benning Station Hospital. He was graduated from the Army Medical Field Service School in 1922, and from the Army Medical School in 1923. From then until 1925 he served as Chief of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Service at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Then, following one year of post-graduate training in the New York Post Graduate Hospital, he was assigned to the United States Army Dispensary in Washington, D. C., holding this post until 1929. During this period he passed the examination of the American Board of Otorhinolaryngology, being one of the first Medical Corps officers to be accepted as a member of that Board.

As a major, he took charge of the EENT Service at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila, from 1929 to 1931, and for the next four years held the same position at Fort Leavenworth (Kansas) General Hospital. From 1935 to 1938 he was Chief of EENT at the Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., and from then until 1942 at Letterman General Hospital.

In the spring of 1942, the then Colonel Streit took command of the 147th General Hospital in Honolulu. From 1943 to 1945, he served as Surgeon of the Central Pacific Base Command, returning in the fall of 1945 to command Dibble General Hospital, the Army's blind and plastic center at Menlo Park, Calif. He has been Commanding General of Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston for the last three years.



Brigadier General PAUL H. STREIT, MC.
Who has been ordered to the command of the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C.

Withholding Tax For Military Effective 1 Jan.

Beginning with the new year, both officer and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces will be subject to Federal income tax on all income over $600 a year. During and since the war officers have had a $1500 exemption, and enlisted personnel have had a complete exemption, but this arrangement has now been terminated under Public Law 384.

The tax will be collected by the withholding method, and certificates have been distributed to Letterman personnel on which they are required to state the number of their dependents, so that proper deductions can be made each month.

Pay taxed will include all elements of pay (base and longevity, foreign service and all special duty including the special $100 to medical officers, pay for badges, etc.) as distinguished from allowances. Therefore deduction will not be made for rental or subsistence allowances.

The Finance Office will maintain withholding tax records for officers; the Personnel Office will take care of those for enlisted personnel.

When officers are transferred to other stations, they will be furnished by the Finance Office with a statement of the sum withheld during their tour of duty here. In the case of enlisted personnel, the Personnel Office will forward the statements to their new station with their service records.

Personnel are required to file income tax returns by 15 March, and the statements of sums withheld at various stations can be used as credits against the amount due. Letterman personnel who need advice in filling out their returns may obtain it from the Legal Assistance office here, in Room 104 of the Administration Building.

Youngest General Hospital Has Excellent Start

With venerable Letterman General Hospital still glowing over the tributes received on its fiftieth anniversary we turn our attention to the youngest of the named general hospitals under the direction of the Army Medical Department.

That distinction falls to McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena, California, which was so designated in May 1946 and is now in the third year of what we hope will be a long life of service to the armed forces and the veterans of all wars.

The hospital is established in the former Vista del Arroyo hotel located on the bank of the Arroyo Seco in Pasadena. It was purchased by the army in 1943 and opened as an Area Station Hospital in February of that year under the command of Colonel Hobart D. Belknap, MC., to serve the men of the Ordnance Training Center at Santa Anita. The new hospital was formally dedicated on 24 July 1943. In the spring of 1944 the name was changed to Pasadena Regional Hospital and the bed capacity set at 500.

Shortly after V-J Day Colonel Carl Mitchell, MC., replaced Colonel Belknap in command, and a few months later the hospital was designated as a separation center for that area and continued to perform that function until recently.

In May 1946, as stated above, the capacity was expanded to 1000 beds and given its present name. It was designated as a center for the treatment of the eye, and plastic surgery. With the closing of Dibble General Hospital a major portion of the staff practicing those specialties, and a number of the patients were transferred to McCornack for continued treatment.

Within a short time more than 500 patients were transferred in from other general hospitals and, as a plastic surgery center, McCornack made medical history. One outstanding operation perfomed there, in June 1947, was the transplanting of 556 square inches of skin on a patient who had been seriously burned on Tinian the previous month. This was the largest known skin transplant successfully accomplished.

The hospital was named McCornack General Hospital in honor of the late Brigadier General Condon C. McCornack. General McCornack was born in California and had a long and distinguished career in the Army Medical Corps. He interrupted his college career at the University of Oregon to serve in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. At the end of war he returned to the University of Oregon where he completed his medical training. In 1909 he returned to the Army as a Medical Corps Officer. In time he served with the Army General Staff and instructed in line and staff procedure and military science and tactics at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and at the Army War College in Washington, D. C.



Colonel JOHN M. WELCH, MC.
Commanding Officer

After his tour of duty with the General Staff, General McCornack became successively, Hawaiian Department Surgeon, 9th Corps Surgeon, Surgeon of the Western Defense Command and 4th Army, and finally Deputy Chief of Staff of the Western Defense Command and the 4th Army, which duty he held at the time of his death at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, 5 November 1944. He played an important part in the planning and conduct of the Aleutian Campaign in 1942 and 1943.

In June 1946 McCornack General Hospital became an On-the-Job Training Center for medical and surgical technicians. The first group of forty-two arrived from Fort Sam Houston and were graduated with certificates of proficiency in July.

The formal dedication services of McCornack General Hospital were delayed until 7 November 1946. At that time Mrs. Nina T. McCornack, the widow of General McCornack, was the guest of honor for the ceremony.

Since its activation in 1943, the hospital has actively participated in civic affairs, maintaining a close liason with the leaders of nearby municipalities and veterans and fraternal organizations. The 360th Army Band, stationed here since June 1946, has furnished music for many parades and programs.

Colonel John Murray Welch, the present commanding officer, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, but moved at an early age with his family to Philadelphia where he attended Central High School before matriculating at the Medico-Chiurgical School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1916. He served his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Colonel Welch was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in February 1918 and assigned to the Army Medical College for his indoctrination course until August of the same year and assigned to Camp Bowie, Texas, in October of 1918. The then Lieut. Welch was assigned to the 12 Division at Camp Devens, Massachusetts where his commanding officer was the then Major Condon G. McCornack after whom this hospital was named. In June of 1918 Colonel Welch went overseas to Germany and served with the Army of Occupation for almost three years with stations at Coblenz and Mayen. In May of 1922 he was assigned to duty in the Office of the Surgeon General with the Reserve Section until December 1924 when he was sent to the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks.

On completion of the course at Carlisle Barracks in June 1925 the colonel was assigned to the hospital at the United States Military Academy where he remained for five years and in October 1930 went to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In May 1931 Colonel Welch was appointed Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Rush Medical School of the University of Chicago and with additional duties at Northwestern University School of Dentistry at Evanston. June 1934 found him back in the Office of the Surgeon General in the Plans and Training Section for a four year tour. He had a two year respite while assigned to Medical Reserve Affairs in the eastern section of Pennsylvania and September 1940 found him back at the Office of the Surgeon General this time in the Personnel Division.

The command of the station hospital at San Juan, Puerto Rico, was his next billet in August 1943 and in February 1946 he became surgeon for the Antilles Department.

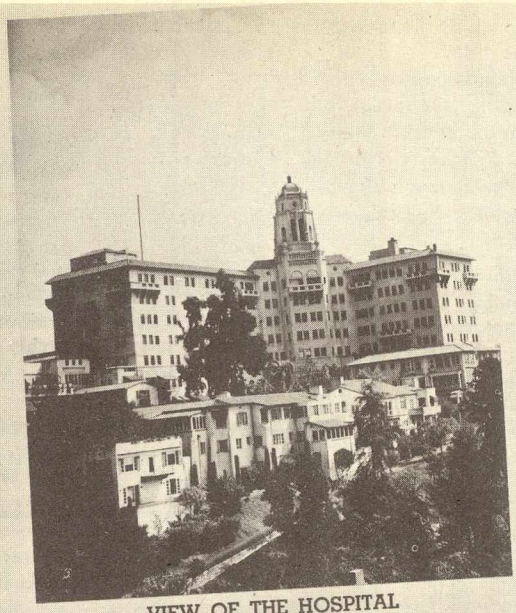
In June of the same year he went back to Washington and the Pentagon to serve on the Secretary of War's personnel board until June 1947 when he assumed command of McCornack General Hospital.

Colonel Welch received the Legion of Merit for his performance of duty as surgeon of the Antilles Department and the Army Commendation Ribbon for his administration of the station hospital at Puerto Rico.

Colonel Welch is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and

A bachelor.

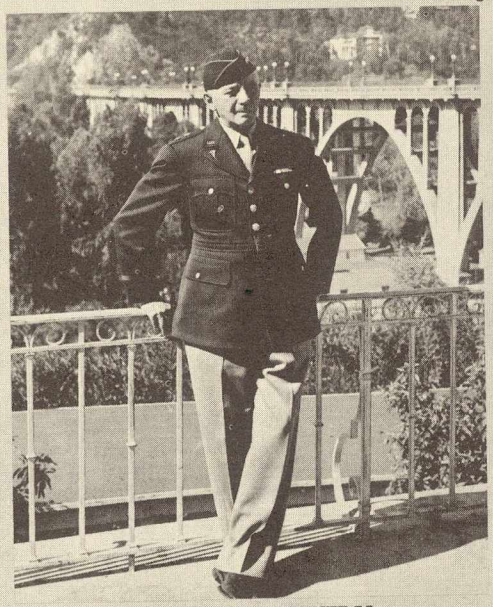
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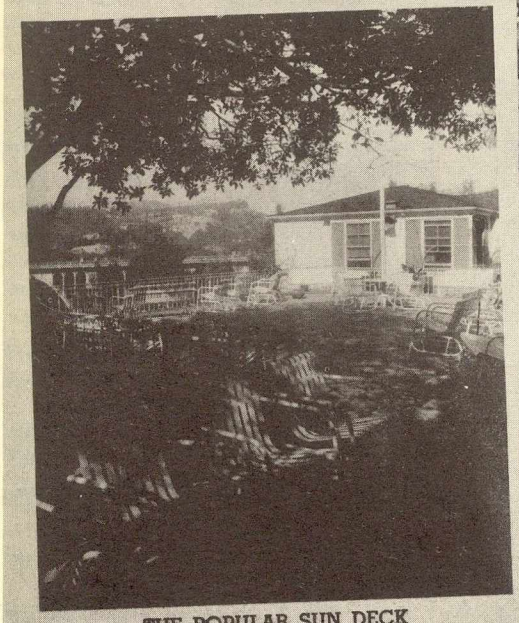
VIEW OF THE HOSPITAL
From the Arroyo Seco bridge



FRAMED PORTRAIT OF GEN. McCORNACK
Hangs in a place of honor in the main lobby.



THE SURGEON GENERAL
Relaxes for a moment on the sun deck while the camera shutter clicks.



THE POPULAR SUN DECK



THE AUDITORIUM
Completely equipped for entertainment is second to none.

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EDITORIAL

HOLIDAYS AT LGH

In keeping with the traditional spirit of Letterman at Christmas, special festiivties began this week and are scheduled for every day from now until the end of the year.

A round of parties, theatrical entertainment and distribution of gifts, along with many other pleasurable events, are scheduled for both patients and duty personnel who will spend Christmas here.

Special Services, the Red Cross and the YMCA are sponsoring the various festivities, and among the organizations who have arranged for entertainment or will bring gifts for the patients are the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eastern Star, the Mothers' Club of Commodore Sloat School, and the San Francisco Examiner.

Religious services will be held in the post chapel. Recreational activities have been arranged for the awards, at the Recreational Center and the Army YMCA.

The complete list of parties, dances and other events to be held from now until New Year's Day appears on page 8 of this issue of the Fog Horn. Look it over and make plans for happy holidays.



Three newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps staff here were welcomed recently, all former Army nurses who have returned from civil life. First Lieut. **Edna Campbell** is from Marietta, Pennsylvania; 2d Lieut. **Elaine E. Schiller** is from Wadeana, Minnesota, and First Lieut. **Delzena E. Garrard's** home is in Indiana, though she came here from Chicago, where she recently received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Chicago.

First Lieut. **Ida M. Farris** of the dietitians' staff had word this week that the new Plymouth she wants will be hers by the end of the month, which makes it look like a Happy New Year coming up.

First Lieut. **Mabel R. Hopson,** ANC, has transferred to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, where she will be on hospital ship duty.

Members of the Physical Therapy staff were entertained last week at a party at the home of First Lieut. **Lucille B. Burt.**

The dietitians are currently very busy working on the mess hall and table decorations for the Christmas feast, and First Lieut. **Julie Skellchock** has a right to be proud of her designs for the Brownies which will be the theme of the decorations.

First Lieut. **Alice McFadden** of the dietitians' staff has been enjoying a week's leave in Los Angeles.

Army Nurse Corps members who will be taking holiday leaves include Captain **Annabel Christiansen,** First Lieut. **Dora Garcia,** First Lieut. **Lora Browning,** First Lieut. **Betty Miller,** First Lieut. **Alvina Noftsger,** First Lieut. **Phyllis Patrick** and First Lieut. **Anne Zunick.** Lieut. Browning will travel to Huntington, West Va.; Lieut. Miller to Shippenburg, Pa.; Lieut. Noftsger to Vancouver, B. C.; Lieut. Patrick to Youngstown, Ohio, and Lieut. Zunick to Prescott, Ariz.

First Lieut. **Betty Hearne** of Physical Therapy is back on duty after a month spent as a patient.

WAC

Seven members of the detachment rate congratulations on their recent promotion to the grade of Sergeant: **Pauline Smith, Betty Stahl, Bessie M. Jeffries, Norma I. Underhill** (now Mrs. **Raymond Douglas**), **Betty J. Wugan, Sally Craig** and **Evelyn V. Leonard.**

The spirit of Christmas was happily evident Sunday afternoon in the WAC dayroom where Corporal **Marolouise Damm** and Pfc. **Lorraine Fincher** were busy wrapping packages for holiday mailing.

Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton** left last week, laden with Christmas packages for her family, with the prospect of Christmas at home in Sandstone, Minnesota, in the offing. Real purpose of the journey was to attend the USAFI conference held this week at Madison, Wisconsin, with the trip home for dessert. It will be Ellie's second Christmas home in five years, and she was looking forward to an especially merry one.

Three Letterman WACs enjoyed three-day passes this week: Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg,** Sergeant **Anne Benich** and Sergeant **Evelyn Meadows.**

Sergeant **Frances Walker** and her husband plan to spend a 12-day holiday leave in Los Angeles.

First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** and Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher** and their husbands took to the mountains last weekend on a Christmas tree cutting mission, spent the night at Donner Lake Lodge, and returned with mission successfully accomplished. They met with some opposition on the return trip, driving through a heavy snowfall, but that was as nothing to the fall of Sergeant Glenn, who pratically had to be dug out of a snowbank during while the trees were being chopped down.

Corporal **Anna Drasher** has received her discharge, and from now on will have homemaking as her primary duty.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** has returned from a 30-day leave spent in Pennsylvania, and Sergeant **Dorothy Coleman** and her husband regretfully terminated their nice long 60-day leave and returned from Idaho.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 19 December, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Christmas Day, 25 December, Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Dr. I. Q.

Lew Valentine, better known as "Dr. I. Q.," the man whose radio assistants have made famous the cry "I have a lady in the balcony, doctor," entertained patients at Letterman last week with a show in the Recreation Center. He operated without benefit of balcony, but played to a packed house anyway. There were silver dollars for the right answers and boxes of Mars candy for those who didn't know the answers, so everybody was happy.

Last Minute Gifts

For those who still cannot decide just the right gift, Postmaster John F. Fixa comes up with the suggestion that a United States Postal Note by Air Mail anywhere in the United States, is quite appropriate and can match any purse.

Checks

Under a new arrangement the manager of the Letterman main branch of the Bay Area Exchange is authorized to cash checks on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1400 to 1500.

Just another service of your Post Exchange.

Open House

The Field Director and staff of the American Red Cross will be the hosts at "Open House" to be held in the Recreation Center on Tuesday, 21 December from 1600 to 1730. All are invited.

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. ELEANOR MERTZIG
Secretary, Ward O-1

Most people, when they are having their picture taken, are preoccupied primarily with themselves, but when Mrs. Eleanor Mertzig is confronting the camera she is thinking of the photographer. The reason for this is that she and her husband Jim have photography as their serious hobby.

Her daytime hours are given over to her work here at Letterman, as secretary on ward O-1, in which she takes a great deal of interest. She knows so much about the patients and the work of the ward that when we were doing a story about O-1 a few months ago the ward officer delegated Eleanor to give us the material we needed.

She was born in Forsyth, Montana, attended the University of Montana at Missoula for two years, and spent the next two years at the University of Washington, in Seattle, where she received her B.A. degree. She had intended to go into the teaching field, but changed her mind and took a course in business administration. She worked for several business organizations in Seattle, then in 1943 decided to join the WAC.

Enlisting in San Francisco, she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic training. She was then sent to Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, and was assigned to the post Judge Advocate's office. After a year there, she came to Letterman and worked in the Pathology Laboratory until she received her discharge in March 1946. She returned to the same job as a civilian,then in October of that year transferred to her present work on O-1. When Eleanor was here as a WAC we knew her as Staff Sergeant Sorenson. In April of 1947 she became Mrs. James Mertzig.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The following has been published as the Christmas leave policy for patients: Ward officers are authorized to submit Absence Requests for their patients for the period 18 December 1948 to 2 January 1949 inclusive, if this period absence will not adversely affect the patient's treatment or delay his final discharge from the hospital. Extensions of leave for patients presently on leave will be governed by this policy, provided that no patient will be absent from the hospital for longer than thirty consecutive days. This limitation of Christmas leave is not intended to prevent the granting of leave for a longer period when not exceeding thirty days.

The annual Christmas tea and exhibit of the Occupational Therapy work of patients on ward S-1 was held on the ward this week, under the sponsorship of the O. T. staff and the Red Cross recreation staff. Colonel **Emmett Litteral,** Chief of NP Service, Captain **Earl Moore,** MC, and Miss **Evelyn Congdon,** head of the Arts and Skills Corps, acted as judges and awarded several prizes to the patients for their outstanding leatherwork, copper work and rug-making. Refreshments for the tea were furnished and served by members of the Southwood Women's Club of So. San Francisco under the direction of the president, Mrs. **Bessie Carlyle.** Captain **Ada Bowers,** chief of O.T., and Miss **Anna Mahony,** Red Cross Recreation supervisor, poured at the tea.

They say that Sergeant **William L. Gamble,** patient on ward E-1, spends his time these days dreaming about eggnogs—but definitely not the kind served on E-1.

Sergeant **James Clay** of ward 3 completed work this week on a handsome gateleg table he made as a present for his wife. Not a Christmas gift, either—he couldn't wait for Christmas, but has given it to her already.

Sergeant **Roy Smith** is now known as the "genius" of ward D-1—self-styled, that is. Just ask him anything—he knows all the answers.

Mrs. **Fay Platenack,** patient on ward M-2, has been making hooked-rug type pillow tops, and has generously given several of them to other patients in the hospital. The most spectacular was a peacock design done in sequins on green velvet.

Charles Puckett, veteran patient on ward E-1, recently returned to the ward after being on ward K-3 for a time for surgery. He was so glad to be back that he even requested the same bed he had before, saying he wanted to be near **Leonard Whitmann,** another veteran patient, so he could instruct Whitmann in the art of fly-tying. The first day of this instruction resulted in a total of one fly tied during one day. Puckett insists on quality, not quantity, it would seem. They ought to catch a really big fish with that fly.

Veteran **Charlie Piper** on ward D-1 is getting a reputation on the ward for being stubborn, but at least he's willing to "take his medicine." In fact, he insists on taking more than is prescribed for him.

Lapidary work is the main interest of Sergeant **Cipriano Dactano,** patient on ward 41. He has been doing both stonecutting and silver work in Occupational Therapy, and has made several attractive bracelets.

Corporal **Benjamin Butler,** known as the paratrooper of ward E-1, underwent another operation last week, and he mournfully states that he still doesn't like penicillin, and will never become addicted to it.

Pearl Bolton, veteran patient on ward D-1, is hard at work making a belt—says it helps him to forget he has a leg strung up in traction.

Sergeant **Roy Freeman** of ward E-1 has been busy in O.T. recently, designing and printing his fiancee's Christmas cards, and has earned a lot of compliments on his work.

Pvt. **Homer Littleton** of ward D-1 says he's been on a Stryker frame so long now that he's beginning to feel like a whirling dervish.

Using his imagination at a terrific rate, Pfc. **Wilburn Smith** of ward 3 keeps turning out mad plastic gimmicks in the Occupational Therapy Shop. The fascinating part about it is that he doesn't know what they are himself, and likes to let other people decide. He has two questions he asks the innocent "What can I use it for?"

ON THE SPOT



JOHN FASBENDER
Corporal

Corporal John Fasbender's main duty is as driver for the Commanding general and the Executive Officer, and since the last syllable of his name is "bender," people haven't been able to resist the temptation to nickname him "Fenderbender." He doesn't deserve the name, of course, but he doesn't mind it, either.

John was born in Detroit Lakes, Minn., but his home is now in Spokane, Wash. He first came into the Army in 1943, when he was working as a truck driver at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. He went to Camp Barkley, Texas, for basic training and spent the following 17 months there, doing more truck driving.

In October 1944 he went overseas with the 191st General Hospital, and another 17 months of driving followed, part of this period as an ambulance driver. He was stationed in Paris, France for a time, then was transferred to Genval, Belgium, assigned as motor sergeant with the American Graves Registration Commission. While in Europe he visited Germany, Holland, Luxembourg, England and Scotland, but liked France and Belgium (the countries in which he was stationed) best.

He returned to the States in March 1946, and after receiving his discharge at Fort Lewis, Washington, he went home to Spokane and spent the next two years driving auto freight and taxicabs. After the stork made a happy landing in the taxi in which he was rushing a woman to the hospital, John says he was glad to exchange taxi duties for the Army. As a member of Enlisted Reserve Corps, he came back last August for nine months active duty, and asked to be assigned to Letterman.

CIVIL CIRCLES

It is the policy of the Commanding General to permit the maximum number of LGH personnel to take leave during the Christmas period, and all graded civilian employees, except those designated by department heads as necessary for the proper care of the sick, will work only between the hours of 0900 and 1200 on Christmas and New Year's Eve and on the first four days of the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Additional annual leave may be granted during this period by the department heads concerned.

Mrs. **Frances Parry,** Laundry, is spending her two weeks vacation at home preparing for the coming holidays and **Judy Bean,** Military Personnel, has finished re-decorating her apartment and she is quite pleased with the results.

Virgnia De Trana, Out Patient Service, is leaving next week for Chicago where she will spend Christmas with her family, while **June Grumstrup,** Military Personnel, will spend a month's leave with her family in Clinton, Iowa.

Two happy people are **Gloria Crisafulli,** Military Personnel, and **Ruth Steed,** Custodian, Patients' Fund. Gloria's husband is coming from Washington, D. C., where he is attending school, to spend the holidays with her and Ruth's husband has completed his course at Fort Sam Houston and will be home in time for Christmas.

Shirley Dotson, formerly of Out Patient Service, is the proud mother of a seven pound daughter, born 11 December. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Rita Davis will leave her office duties in Military Personnel to take up the duties of a housewife.

Gil Grady, Finance, is currently enjoying two weeks leave in Utah and skiing is taking up most of his time.

Three members of the Occupational Therapy Department handed in their resignations last week. They are **Esther Bess,** with seven years service at LGH, **Margaret Kinnicutt,** who had been here since 1945, and **Helen Singer,** who had two tours of duty here, from 1942 to 1944, and 1945 until the present time. They take with them the best wishes of all their friends at Letterman. They will be greatly missed at LGH.

TWIN CELEBRATES TWO BIRTHDAYS AND EVEN HAS A TWIN-TYPE CAMEO



2d Lieut. BARBARA J. STOCKHOLM, WMSC
Recent addition to LGH Occupational Therapy staff

After a short interval away from Letterman, Miss Barbara Stockholm, who was here from July until October as an Occupational Therapy student, has returned, this time in uniform. She is now Lieutenant Stockholm, WMSC, and is assigned to duty in the O. T. Shop on ward S-1.

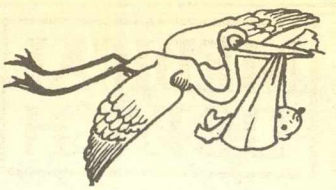
Barbara was born near Fresno, California, and is 50 per cent of a pair of twins. Since she and her sister Betty arrived on separate dates in spite of being twins, they have had birthday celebrations on both days ever since.

Barbara managed to get in some educational work in two other fields before she finally decided on Occupational Therapy as a career. She began as a physical education major, then switched to physical therapy, but found the crafts so interesting that she ended up in O. T. She attended Modesto Junior College, where she was student body president, then went to Fresno State College for a year and a half. She took her training in occupational therapy at San Jose State College, and was graduated in December 1947.

Her nine months of practical training in O. T. work was accomplished at four hospitals: Los Angeles TB Sanitorium, Duarte, California; Children's Hospital, San Francisco; Twin Pines Hospital, Belmont, and Letterman. She became interested in the Army program of O. T. while at Letterman, and applied for a commission in the Womens' Medical Specialist Corps. She requested assignment to LGH, and of course is happy that her request was granted. She is looking forward to going to Brooke Army Medical Center sometime in the near future for her Army basic training, particularly since she has never been out of the State.

Barbara and two other members of the O. T. staff were fortunate enough to find an apartment not too far from the post, and they are now busily engaged in redecorating it so that it will be ready in time for the holidays. They are making it newly cheerful with white ceilings, cascade green walls and kitchen in jonquil yellow. They all enjoy cooking, even if they are just learning, and have provided themselves with an aptly titled cookbook "The Working Girl Must Eat." Of course she must play, too, and for that, Barbara's favorites are tennis and golf.

Barbara gets a lot of admiring comment on a ring she wears—a white cameo with a smoky blue background. The ring came from Sweden, and was a gift from her grandmother to her grandfather. Its unusual feature is that the cameo shows two faces—very appropriate for a twin.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Alma M. Josephson, a girl, **Patricia Ona,** born 30 November.

To Corporal and Mrs. King Koey Woo. a boy, **Conway Speedy,** born 30 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirkpatrick, a girl, **Sharon Ann,** born 1 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Herbert J. Ducote, a girl, **Olea Jane,** born 1 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Barron A. Richmond, Jr., a boy, **David Barron,** born 1 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Clyde D. Watts, a girl, **Mikki Arlene,** born 1 December.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Walter V. Littleton, a girl, **Saber Elaine,** born 1 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. John W. Thompson, a girl, **Patricia Diane,** born 1 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Thornton, a girl, **Nancy LeRoi,** born 2 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Money Miller, Jr., a girl, **Frankie Cherlye,** born 2 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Wililam C. Allen, a boy, **Wiliam Emory,** born 3 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Famous L. Pressley, a girl, **Frankie Lendell,** born 3 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James F. Keefe, a girl, born 4 December.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. John F. Freund, Sr., a boy, **John Frederick, Jr.,** born 4 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leon Hefley, a girl, **Barbara Lee,** born 6 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William M. Stephens, a girl, **Kathryn Elizabeth,** born 6 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Albert J. Hildebrand, a boy, **James Michael,** born 7 December.

To W/O and Mrs. Norman A. Wallace, a boy, **Robert Norman,** born 7 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following lucky thirteen men of the detachment recently earned congratulations when they were promoted from the grade of corporal to that of sergeant: **Edmund H. Tucker, Chesley R. Knox, George C. Jacobs, Adrian K. Huckabee, Ivy M. Turner, James O. T. Hewlett, Elam F. Hillyard, Jesse Clark, James C. Sharp, Jesse L. Stephens, Laurel D. Relf, John G. Counsell** and **Edward W. Sans.**

Members of the 9956 Medical Detach and the 6930 Service Detach are still talking about the good time they had at the recent bingo party, and Sergeant **Clayton Peters** says he particularly enjoyed the occasion. The Orderly Room people are still confused, though, as to why cigarettes were chosen over some of the other prizes offered.

Pfc **Richard McClure,** Message Center, recently enjoyed a wonderful three-day pass in Los Angeles, Hollywood and Santa Monica. He claims to have met and dated a beautiful girl from filmdom. His pals are still wondering if/and when he'll disclose her name — Miss Thistleblood Abercrombie, perhaps?

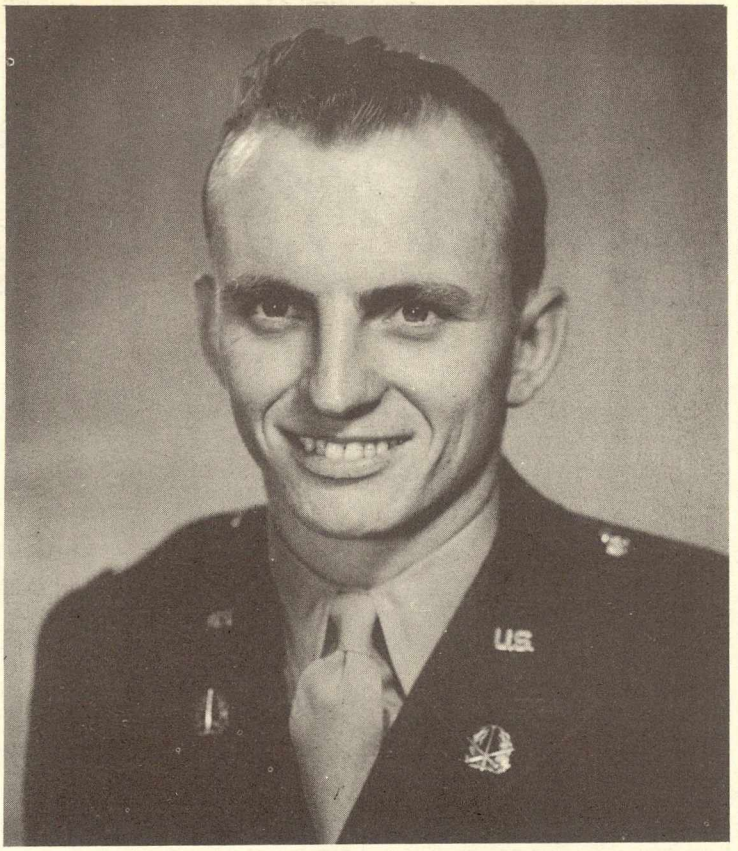
The kindness and good-heartedness of the gang in barracks T-28 never ceases, especially in the case of **"King."** King, to the uninitiated, is a wonderful little pooch. The fellows are always willing to provide him with the odd scraps of their lamb chops and such, so who was it said that his ribs could be played like a xylophone?

A few weeks ago a certain EM was very happy over the thought that his wife had decided to keep their cocker spaniel, which has formerly been for sale. But now the poor man is all adither again. It seems that Corporal **Jim Perry,** Clearance Office, and his wife have found another apartment, and the landlady said "No!" So, once again—For Sale—Cocker Spaniel. Sounds like this story of woe might very well be added to the long line of Shaggy Dog stories.

Zealous Poll-Taker: "And to what do you attribute your great age?"

Grandpa: "I can't rightly say yet. There's several of them testimonial fellers a-dickering with me."

HIS SPECIAL INTERESTS INCLUDE SPORTS, RADIO AND PHOTOGRAPHY



First Lieut. RAIMON W. LEHMAN
Special Services Officer at Letterman

Although First Lieut. Raimon W. Lehman was commissioned in the Regular Army as a Signal Corps officer, he has been detailed to Special Services duty for a three-year period, and it is in the latter capacity that he has served since coming to Letterman in mid-1947. During most of the time he has been here he has been chief of Special Services Branch of Convalescent Services.

Lieutenant Lehman was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He spent the first 18 years of his life on a dairy farm in that state. After winning a scholarship in athletics, he went to Eau Claire State Teachers College, where he majored in physical education. Later he attended Mayo State Vocational School in Paintsville, Kentucky and Lafayette Trade School in Lexington, Kentucky, specializing in radio and electrical courses.

He enlisted in the Reserve Corps while in school, and in 1943 came into the Army and was sent to the Signal Center at Camp Crowder, Missouri, for six weeks. This was followed by a year at the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he later became an instructor. He was at Holabird Signal Depot in Baltimore, Maryland for a few months, supervising the repair work on radio equipment which was sent back after the African invasion to be moisture—and fungus-proofed before being used in the Pacific Theatre.

After attending OCS at Fort Monmouth, he received his commission on 25 November 1944, after which he went back to Camp Crowder. He remained there until April 1946, and during that time became Special Services officer for the camp. A few months at Camp Polk, Louisiana followed, again on a Special Services assignment.

In July 1946 he went overseas to China with the military mediation mission commanded by General Marshall, and while there served as both radio officer and Special Services officer. He was stationed in Peiping, but also spent some time in Nanking, Shanghai and Tientsin. He returned to the States in April 1947, and his next assignment was here at Letterman.

Sports, photography and radio are his three hobbies, and in sports he enjoys basketball, baseball and football, having played all three while in school. He and his wife are the proud parents of an eight-month-old daughter, Kathryn, and Kathryn is really tops on her father's hobby list.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Unit Cars from the Hospital Train are returning slowly but surely. The attending personnel had a good trip but they were all glad to get back to California. Sergeant First Class **John Mack** received a wire when he reached Battle Creek, Michigan, informing him of the death of his uncle. He left the train and flew back for the funeral. He says the air trip was rough and as a result he has sworn off planes for life.

Master Sergeant **Fay Casperson** is taking himself some leave and in his absence Sergeant First Class **Laurence Wiard** is taking charge.

Corporal **Donald Chah** came off night CQ this week and is taking advantage of a three-day pass, which is the reward for keeping awake for 15 nights. Non-coms were made happy when it was announced that over the holidays the roster will be rotated so no one man will get stuck more than one night.

Orders came out this week sending Pfc. **Francisco De Jesus** back to the Philippine Islands for discharge.

We were all glad to hear the nice compliments the Letterman nurses gave the men for their work on the Hospital Trains. They said they were the best group they had ever worked with. We know of one of those men who didn't close an eye from here to Denver. It seems Corporal **William Jordan** thought one patient needed some special attention, and from all reports he wasn't mistaken.

Corporal **James McElreath,** the busiest man in Crissy Annex, has decided to move his mail call to another building. On rainy days men coming in for their mail make quite a mess of the headquarters building.

Sergeant **Alfred Sanchez** was discharged this week, but he is reenlisting for this Unit and after a few days of leave, he will again be back in the Evacuation Office.



Busy Yuletide Calendar Promises Happy Holidays For Letterman Personnel

1948 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
	SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER	
1900	Formal Dinner Dance, Officer's Club	Officer's Club
2130	Juke Box Cabaret—Dancing, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	SUNDAY, 19 DECEMBER	
1400	Chess Instruction, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1400-1600	Christmas Carols, ARC	Hospital Wards
1400	Christmas Party, Eastern Star, ARC	Women's Wards
2000	Musical Program, Army "Y"	Army YMCA (Lobby)
2100	Sing With Vera, Army "Y"	Army YMCA (Lobby)
	MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER	
1900	Ward Parties and Caroling, ARC	Hospital Wards
1900-2100	Christmas Party, ARC	Ward S-1
1915	Christmas Party—YMCA Hostesses, Army "Y"	Open Wards
1915	Special Services Variety Show, SSO, Army YMCA Auditorium	
1930-2130	Dance—White Patients—Party, ARC	Recreation Hall
	TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER	
1400	Examiner Christmas Shows, Wards, SSO	Hospital Wards
1900	Crafts, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1900	Examiner Christmas Shows, Theatre, SSO, Army YMCA, Aud.	
1930	Detachment Bingo and Beer Party, 9956-6930	Crissy Mess
2015	Sing With Vera, Army "Y"	Army YMCA (Lobby)
1600	Open House—Red Cross Activities, ARC	Recreation Hall
	WEDNESDAY, 22 DECEMBER	
1430	Children's Christmas Party, ARC-SSO-MD	Recreation Hall
1900-2100	Christmas Parties, Entertainment, ARC,	Hospital Wards
2000	Christmas Formal Dance, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER	
0900-1030	Coffee Hour, Christmas Singing, ARC	Recreation Hall
	Judging of Christmas Corner	
1300	Contests, ARC	Hospital Wards
1430	Special Services Variety Show, SSO	Recreation Hall
1900	Ceramics, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1900-2100	Christmas Parties, ARC	Hospital Wards
1900-2100	Tour of San Francisco, ARC	San Francisco
1915	Card Night, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1930	Tour Christmas Lighting, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER	
1800-2100	Ward Rounds, Gift Distribution, ARC	Hospital Wards
1930	Christmas Caroling, Army "Y"	Army YMCA Lobby, Post
2100	Dancing and Refreshments, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2400	Midnight Mass, Chaplain Off.	Post Theatre

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
	SATURDAY, 25 DECEMBER	
0700	Christmas Breakfast, Gifts, ARC	Ward S-1
0830	Open House, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
0900	Gift Distribution, Am. Legion, Chap.-SSO	Hospital Wards
1500	Caroling with Edna, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1600-1800	Open House, Officer's Club	Officer's Club
1930	Tour Christmas Lighting, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2000	Christmas Dancing, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER	
1400	Chess Instruction, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1800	Matinee Dance, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2000	Musical Program, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2100	Sing With Vera, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER	
1700-1900	Nurse's Open House, Nurses	Nurse's Mess
1915	VFW Variety Show, SSO	Recreation Hall
1915	Parties, ARC-Army "Y"	Ward S-1
	TUESDAY, 28 DECEMBER	
1900	Crafts, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1930	Hymn Singspiration, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2015	Sing With Vera, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	WEDNESDAY, 29, DECEMBER	
1400	Visit of Hollywood Artist, SSO	Hospital Wards
2000	Recognition Dance—Orchestra, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2015	Ray Kyler at the Piano, Army "Y"	Army YMCA (Lobby)
	THURSDAY, 30 DECEMBER	
1430	Special Services Variety Show, SSO	Recreation Hall
1915	Card Night, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1930	Contract Bridge Class, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	FRIDAY, 31 DECEMBER	
1900	Ward Parties, ARC	Hospital Wards
2030	Dancing in the New Year, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2130	Floor Show, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2100-0200	New Years Party, Officer's Club	Officer's Club
2245	Turkey Buffet, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
	SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 1949	
0830	Open House, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
1100-1300	Commanding General's Reception	Officer's Club
1700	Coffee Hour, Army "Y"	Army YMCA
2000	New Years Dance & Refreshments, Army "Y"	Army YMCA

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Army Sponsors Art Show at De Young Museum

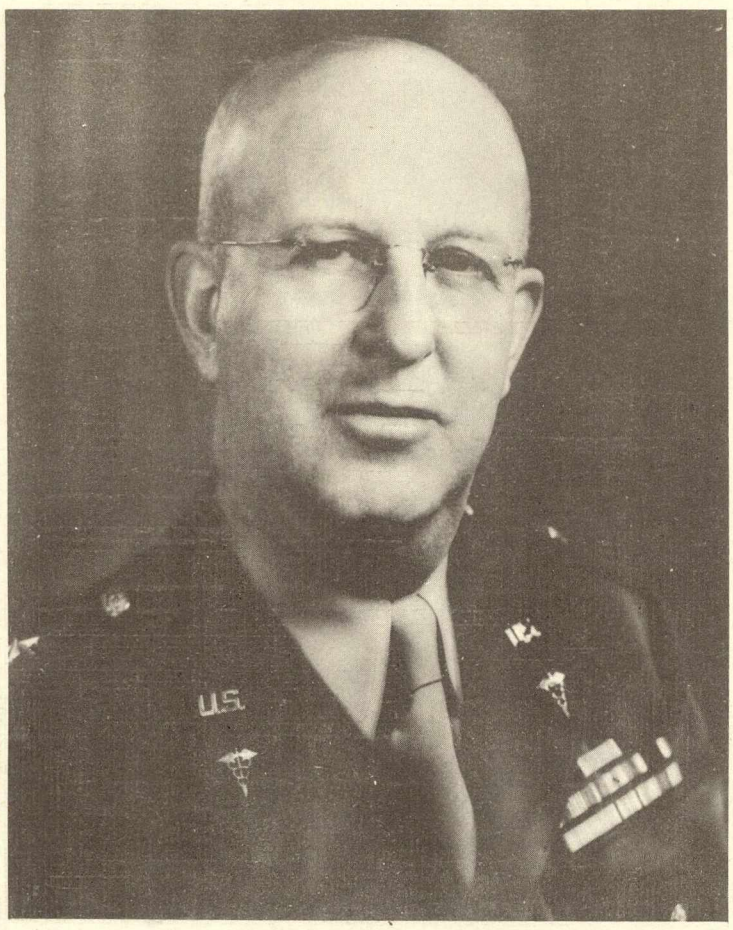
The exhibition of some 100 world-famous paintings from German museums now on display at the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, will be open for only four more days after today. It may be viewed through 29 December.

The showing in San Francisco was arranged by the Natioinal Gallery of Art and de Young museum officials in conjunction with the Army, and when the exhibit formally opened on 10 December, General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, spoke at a preview and reception given for several hundred civic, art and military leaders.

In his speech General Clark told the dramatic story of the discovery of the canvases. They were found in a salt mine at Merkers, Germany, during the war, after the town's capture by the 90th Infantry Division. The art treasures were brought to this country for safekeeping during the unsettled conditions that followed cessation of hostilities in 1945.

The collection includes the work of Holbein, Rembrandt, Rubens, Hals, Poussin, Tintoretto, Botticelli and Titian. Nearly a million persons viewed it when it was exhibited in Washington, D. C. last spring. Because of the tremendous value of the paintings, elaborate rules have been formulated to protect the collection, and Army MPs are on duty at the museum to enforce the rules.

An admission fee of 30 cents is charged, and the entire proceeds will be turned over to the fund for the benefit of Germany children in the American Zone of Occupied Germany. Army personnel in uniform will be admitted free. During the exhibit the museum will be open daily from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m.



TO THE STAFF

The professional and administrative work accomplished by you during this year has afforded the patients of this hospital unexcelled medical care. It truly reflects the high standards of the medical profession and the Medical Department of the Army and well exemplifies the motto of this hospital, "Labor Gratia Humanitatis." I sincerely appreciate your cooperation and enthusiasm in the splendid job that you have done, and anticipate that the coming year will see even greater result from your endeavors.

To each of you I extend my greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Bountiful New Year.

FRANK L. COLE
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Here's How LGH Says "A Very Merry Christmas"

Today finds Letterman sparklingly ready for Christmas, from the enormous living Christmas tree in the patio to the very last Brownie who will visit the patients in the mess halls and on the dinner trays. Brownies are defined as "goodnatured goblins who perform helpful services," and these LGH brownies, who wear bells on their heads and bells on their toes, will perform the helpful service of adding an extra note of cheer to the day's festivities. They were designed by First Lieut. Julie Skellchock of the dietitians' staff. The decorations and lights for the patio Christmas tree were furnished, as in former years, by the San Francicso Elks Lodge.

The actual celebration of Christmas began at midnight with midnight Mass in the Post Theatre, and a choir of Letterman nurses provided the music. But pre-Christmas celebrations have been going on for more than a week, and further gala events are scheduled all through next week up to and including New Year's Day.

The program of holiday events was sponsored jointly by Special Services ,the Red Cross and the Army YMCA, and includes ward parties, dances, open house at the Recreation Center, off-post tours to see the city's Christmas lighting, carollers singing on the wards, theatrical entertainment, a children's Christmas party and other similar festivities.

The halls are bright with Christmas wreaths and every ward is gay with special holiday decorations. Two tall Christmas trees, decorated by members of the Arts and Skills Corps, are at the front door to welcome visitors. Even the baskets carried by the Gray Ladies are specially decorated—with big bows of red

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More About Christmas at LGH

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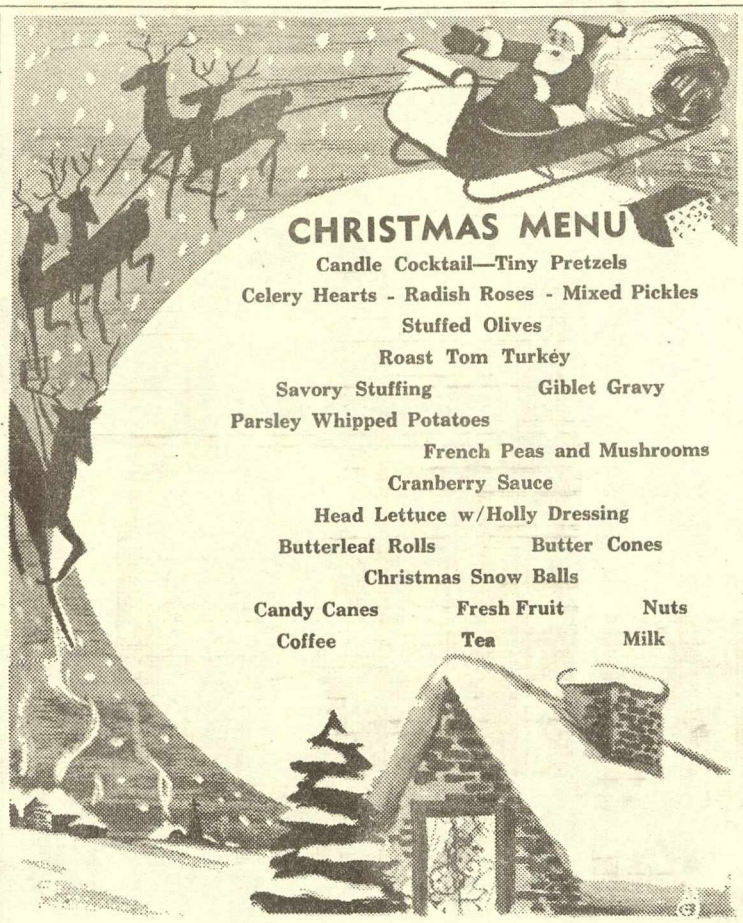
tulle in which Christmas bells tinkle. There is a bedside Christmas tree for every patient in a private room.

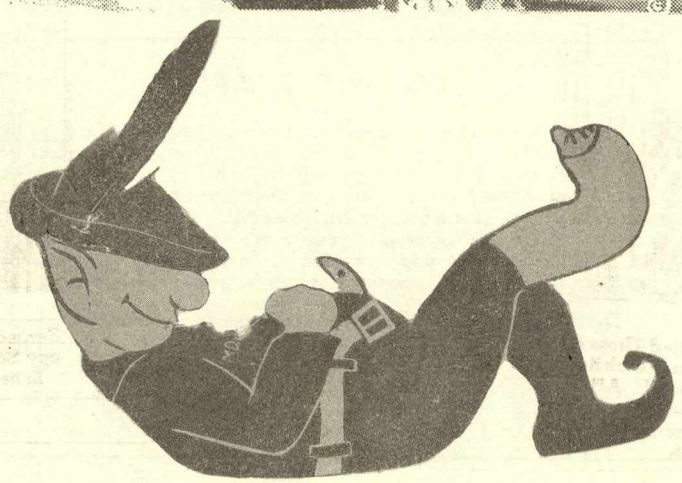
More than 20 wards participated in the Red Cross Christmas Corner contest. Five prizes were awarded—an electric phonograph, two radios and two ward parties. The awards were given for the Christmas Corners showing the most Christmas spirit, the most artistic, most original, most traditional and most humorous. As we go to press we do not have the results, but they will be announced in next week's issue of the Fog Horn.

Among the judges for the contest was one of the firemen from Engine Company No. 28, the firehouse which won the $1000 award in the San Francisco Fire Department's first annual Christmas decoration contest. The other judges were Mrs. Frank L. Cole, Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, ANC; Captain Charlotte Woodworth, WAC; Mrs. Eaton Taylor of San Francisco Chapter, ARC, and Miss Grace Guilford, Red Cross field director here.

An especially hilarious Christmas Eve event was the visit of Santa Claus to the Orthopedic and children's wards. Due to the shortage of fireplaces Santa arrived via the ramp, and was riotously impersonated by Amelio Riccio, veteran patient on ward 42. He was accompanied by one of his reindeer, believed to be Blitzen, complete with antlers. Under the antlers were two detachment men, Pfc. Jack Tobin and Pvt. Virgil Hart. It was not revealed whether rank prevailed under cover of the reindeer costume.

Features of today are a Christmas breakfast and gifts on ward S-1, Open House and a Christmas Dance at the "Y," distribution of gifts to the patients by the American Legion.





General Clark's Yuletide Message

Once again we celebrate the birth of Him whose sole mission on earth was to bring peace and spread the gospel of goodwill and the brotherhood of man. His spiritual bequest is uppermost in the minds of all of us at this season of the year.

As we cast our eyes over the rest of the world, observing the want and suffering in many lands and comparing their unfortunate lot with ours, we should be humble in our rejoicing, grateful for our many blessings, and determined in our efforts to bring about the same happy state of affairs in the rest of the world.

Unhappy though the plight of many nations may be, let us not despair as we face the task to which America has dedicated herself—the rehabilitation of the war-ruined and the restoration of the dignity of man. Rather let us redouble our endeavors to carry on the good works He fashioned and left to mankind as the only plan whereby lasting peace may be attained. With the spirit of Christmas imbuing us all, we may go forward with renewed energy.

To every member of this command I wish to extend my sincere wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and properous New Year.

MARK W. CLARK
General, U. S. Army
Commanding

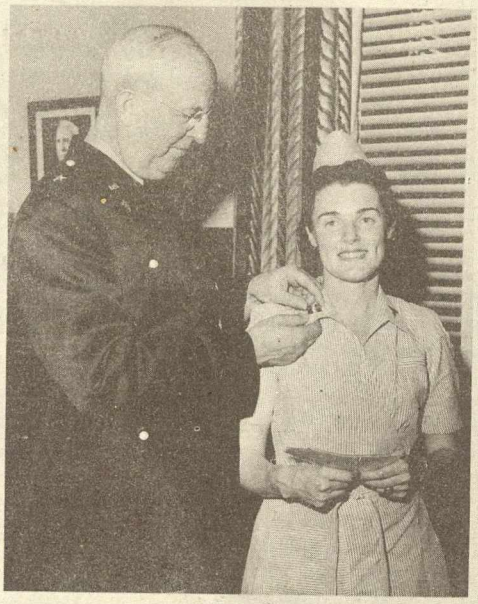
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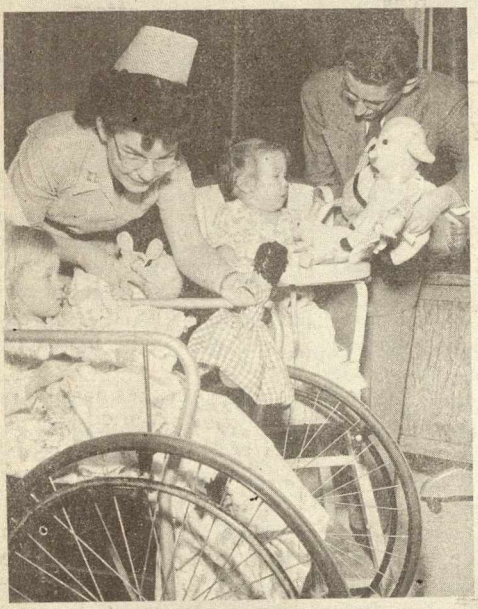
THE WELCOMING CHRISTMAS TREE
Two members of the Red Cross Arts and Skills Corps, Mrs. C. Walther and Mrs. Herbert E. Bigelow, put the finishing touches on the trees at Letterman's front door.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ON WARD E-2
Beside the Christmas tree are (L to R): Pvt. Jack Campbell, veteran John George, First Lieut. Virginia Thomas, ANC; veteran Walter Haneberg, First Lieut. Ruth Wall, WMSC, and Sgt. Seavey Hodo.



IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, pins the twin silver bars of her new rank on Captain Helen Martin, ANC.



CHRISTMAS TOYS
Gifts from members of the Junior Red Cross at Galileo High School for patients on the children's ward. Captain Elsie McGinnis, ANC, shows the dolls to Judy Farinsky, while Janice Leach looks over the stuffed animals held by Lewis Loevy of Galileo.



ANNIVERSARY POSTER
Sergeant Robert Greeley of Occupational Therapy Shop displays the poster he designed for Letterman's 50th anniversary celebration.

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EDITORIAL

Christmas 1948

Seldom, since the beginning of Christendom, have intolerance and tyranny been so rampant to perpetuate turmoil and Godlessness throughout the world as on this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Surely, this is a time for strong minds and stout Christian hearts to remain calm and firm in their unwavering faith in God and to pray for His guidance and wisdom that we may keep this great democracy of ours united against the brute forces of hate and unenlightenment.

Yet, let us be charitable and understanding toward all peoples. Let us overcome our own shortcomings and be determined to defend the principles of Christianity so that all mankind may enjoy the fruits of freedom and the right to worship God.



There was much Christmas merriment last night at the Christmas Eve party held in the festively decorated Nurses' Recreation Hall. "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" (identity a secret) distributed the gifts, and a feature of the party was to guess who they were.

While she was on leave last month, First Lieut. **Lena J. Cricco,** ANC, became the bride of Dr. **Lee A. Russell** of Chicago.

Another of the Letterman nurses, First Lieut. **Marjorie F. Lanker,** ANC, was married early this month, on 3 December, in the Letterman chapel, to Mr. **Kenneth Harrison** of Santa Monica. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Captain) **George King,** and the wedding attendants were the groom's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. **George Harrison** of Oakland. The bride wore a beige suit with brown accessories and a corsage of orchids. The Harrisons spent their honeymoon in San Luis Obispo.

Congratulations go this week to Captain **Helen Martin,** ANC, who recently received word of her promotion to that rank.

A holiday welcome to two ANC newcomers, Captain **Barbara E. Fuhrmann** and First Lieut. **Anna K. Kobilnyk.** Captain Fuhrmann came here from the Medical Field Service School at Brooke Army Medical Center, and Lieutenant Kobilnyk transferred from San Francisco Port of Embarkation, where she had been on ship duty.

First Lieut. **Beatrice Sandhoff** of Physical Therapy is spending Christmas leave in Long Beach with her brother and his wife.

An all-ANC choir sang at the midnight Mass at the Post Theatre last night. The members of the group were: First Lieut. **Esther M. Anderson,** First Lieut. **Gloria E. Saffield,** Captain **Lourine Patterson,** 2d Lieut. **Marjorie Samson,** First Lieut. **Helen McCloskey,** First Lieut. **Hendrina Jankowski,** Captain **Virginia Szyper,** First Lieut. **Bernice Boudrea,** 2d Lieut. **Marie Gutowski,** Captain **Nina Romeo,** First Lieut. **Mary Shore,** First Lieut. **Cecelia Cutstherope,** First Lieut. **Margaret Knox,** Captain **Mary Ward.**

WAC

The Christmas tree in the WAC dayroom was handsomely decorated last week by six willing WACs—Sergeant **Elsie LePitre,** Sergeant **Jane Jones,** Corporal **Rose Casilio,** Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis,** Sergeant **Pauline Smith,** and Corporal **Marilouise Damm.** Corporal Damm modestly says she had nothing to do with the tree-trimming, she just arranged the furniture in the most advantageous positions.

Following the decorating operation in the dayroom, Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** reclaimed a discarded branch of the big tree and set up a simulated tree—flat against the wall—in the small upstairs dayroom in barracks 214X, achieving a very decorative effect. Sergeants **Evelyn Leonard** and **Betty Stahl** were her assistants.

On Thursday evening members of the detachment enjoyed themselves at the WACs Christmas eggnog party, held in the dayroom. Everyone bought a gift for the occasion, put it under the tree, and took good care not to get her own present back when the gifts were distributed.

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard,** who has been a patient on ward O-1 for some weeks, will be on convalescent leave for the next 30 days, and so was able to enjoy the holiday festivities with her friends in the detachment.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher** and her husband joyfully departed for New York to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays. Margaret is on 30-day re-enlistment leave.

Los Angeles seems to be the popular spot for the members of the detachment on holiday leave. Sergeant **Betty Stahl** and Sergeant **Betty Wugan** are spending a six-day leave there at the home of Sergeant Wugan's mother, and Corporal **Leatris Lamascus** will be in L.A. for ten days.

The detachment is well-informed these days on the state of the weather in Carson City, Nevada, since Sergeant **Elsie LePitre's** boy friend there telephones frequently to give her the weather reports. There is some doubt, naturally, as to whether the calls are solely discussions of the weather, but the weather is the subject on which Elsie reports.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 26, December 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Christmas Day, 25 December,
Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Greetings from the Surgeon General

May the kindly spirit of Christmas continue with our Medical Department during the coming year. With this spirit of good will we will give our best to those entrusted to our care. My official and personal greetings for all happiness go to our patients and all of the Army Medical Department throughout the world.

R. W. BLISS
Major General
The Surgeon General

Beware

Swindlers, who sometimes claim to represent a veterans newspaper, have been attempting to sell veterans forms for the purpose of collecting money paid into the government insurance fund, Veterans Administration officials here reported today.

VA officials emphasized that dividends will not be payable on G-I insurance for a number of months and that forms for that purpose will be supplied by the government at that time.

There is no expense to the veteran in applying for any benefit administered by the VA.

Veterans are urged to immediately notify the nearest VA office, the Better Business Bureau or the police should a swindler attempt to sell them forms to obtain VA administered benefits.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOIE C. SILSBY
Sergeant

Two weeks ago, while in Chicago, Sergeant Loie C. Silsby appeared on the "Welcome, Traveler" radio program, and when the emcee learned that she was en route to duty at Letterman, he promised to send a package of gifts for LGH patients—records, games and chess sets for their diversion.

The gifts Loie received as a result of her appearance on the program included a snakeskin vanity and cigarette case, a radio, a luncheon in Chicago and theatre tickets. She aroused the curiosity of the studio audience when she told them she was a carpenter. (She has spent the major portion of her time in Army as a woodworking instructor.) Her present assignment here is in the Occupational Therapy Shop on ward S-1.

She was born in Winthrop, N. Y., but regards Syracuse as her home town. She attended Potsdam State Teachers College and Syracuse University, specializing in education and art. After teaching for a time, she enlisted in the WAC in October 1944. She attempted (unsuccessfully, she says) to acquire a Southern accent during basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, attended O.T. aide school at Halloran General Hospital, and learned woodworking at Santa Ana Air Base. She was woodworking instructor there and at Fort George Wright in Spokane, then went to Madigan General Hospital, and learned the work of the hospital radio station.

After being assigned to Letterman in November, she went home to Syracuse on leave, and it was on her way back here that she appeared on the radio broadcast.

Her list of "likes" includes carpentry (of course), meeting new people, cooking, stencil painting, ceramics, and making jewelry. She wears a handsome copper and silver ring which she designed and made. She is hoping to take additional O. T. training in order to qualify as an OTR in the Regular Army.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sergeant **Sidney Hoskings,** who qualifies as an "old-time" patient on ward E-1, will be leaving in the near future, and he's planning on leaving an effigy in his bed so the ward won't know they're getting along without him. When he leaves Letterman he intends to go to college and emerge (he hopes) as a future sports writer.

There is no truth in the rumor that the patients on ward 28 are enjoying a little peace and quiet now that Sergeant **Emerson Durkee** is taking time out to repair his guitar. They'll enjoy life much more when the repairs are finished and he is making music for them again, it says here.

Recruit **Leland Reiman,** patient on ward 3, is "cutting a rug" in a different way, but which we mean he is making a new floor mat for his car, in case you didn't know.

Hugh Hendricks, who until this week was a patient (veteran) on ward F-1, was responsible for the original decorations on the tree which made that ward's Christmas Corner entry outstanding. As of this writing we do not know whether the F-1 Corner won a prize, but Hugh definitely deserves a hand for the flying blonde angels, made of bright-colored lustrous paper and wearing plastic circlets for halos, which adorned the tree. Some of the angels were members of the celestial choir, and carried wee editions of sheet music. Hugh was transferred to ward O-2, but came back to finish the decorations and it was much appreciated by his wardmates.

The current mystery-of-the-moment in the Occupational Therapy Shop is "What happened to the slip punch?" If the person who may have hid it in an inaccessible spot will say where, he will earn the gratitude of the O.T. personnel.

Staff Sergeant **Charles H. Werry,** patient on ward 30, is enjoying a 15-day furlough in Washington State. Since one of his major hobbies is photography, he will probably come back with a lot of new and interesting pictures.

Corporal **Willie Williams,** who is a patient on ward D-1, recently underwent an operation, and he lost no time thereafter in starting to work making a link belt—says he wants to prove he's still alive!

Veteran **John George** is known to his fellow-patients on ward E-2 as "Crunch," but no explanation of the nickname is forthcoming. Could it be that he eats peanut brittle late at night after the lights are out? Or celery, one of the noisier foods?

During nearly three months as a patient here, Pvt. **John Martin** of ward F-1 has busied himself with two major activities. He has made felt horses and plastic boxes and read the novels of Thorne Smith. Temporarily fresh out of Smiths, he is currently at work on "Tobacco Road."

Patients of ward F-1 want it known that they are the champion pinochle players of the entire hospital, and are willing to challenge players from any other wards—with one proviso. They want to wait until after the holidays, when the ward will have more population.

Pvt. **Harley Wallace** of ward 27 had plans for making a flock of Christmas-present money during a recent trip to Reno, but Reno didn't cooperate. Harley made his gifts in the O.T. shop. After all, gifts you make yourself are far more welcome than the readymade kind.

Since he couldn't go home for Christmas, Pvt. **George Rocha's** family are coming here from Camp Verde, Arizona, to be with him. He has been a patient here for 16 months, and is now on ward E-1. Since he's been here, he's become expert at leatherwork, makes carved boxes, and felt animals.

Sergeant **Jay Swayne,** patient on ward F-1, completed work on a realistic-looking brown felt dachshund in time to give it to his baby daughter Sharon for Christmas. While awaiting the day of days, the dachshund lived contentedly on Swayne's bedside table, attracting admiring comment.

ON THE SPOT



ROBERT E. GREELEY
Sergeant

Sergeant Robert Greeley, currently on duty in the Occupational Therapy Shop, looking forward to New Year's Eve with doubly joyous anticipation. He celebrates his birthday that day. Since being assigned to O.T. he is rapidly getting the reputation of being the "official decorator" of LGH. Recent work along that line was the linoleum block for the "Brownie" Christmas decorations for the mess and the design for the 50th anniversary posters.

Bob was born in Santa Barbara, California and spent most of his life there until he came into the Army in early 1940. He went to Fort Lewis for basic training, then was transferred into the Air Force. He was trained as a flight engineer and as a gunner on heavy bombers, after which he received phase training, which involved flying in the U. S., in Iceland, England and Scotland.

After his arrival in England in March 1943 he was assigned to a Flying Fortress, flying bombing missions over Germany. He sustained a leg injury when the plane was hit and the crew had to bail out. Bob was a prisoner at Meiningen until 1944, when he was released on a prisoners exchange basis, and returned home on the Swedish liner "Gripsholm." He was a patient at Hammond General Hospital in Modesto until he received his discharge in August 1945.

He went to the University of California for a year, then decided to try Army life again. He was stationed at Fort Ord when a recurrence of trouble with his injured leg necessitated an operation and he was sent to Letterman last May. In October, after his discharge as a patient, he was assigned to duty here.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Forthcoming examinations for the positions of stenographer and typist have been announced by the Civil Service Commission, and applications must be received by the Commission not later than 10 January 1949. The stenographic positions are CAF-2 and CAF-3 ($2284 and $2498 a year); the typist positions are CAF-1 through CAF-3 ($2086 through $2498 a year). The examination consists of a written test only, and no experience qualifications are required of those who take the test.

Mrs. **Ruth Staley,** who teaches in the Troop I&E office, gave a Christmas party for her patient-pupils last Friday afternoon and served date and nut cake and coffee.

An unusual Christmas wreath adorns the door of the Payroll office—it is made of different colored candy drops, very decorative, not to mention appetizing - looking. The wreath was made by **Evelynne Hodgin,** who was also seen wearing an ornament of candy drops tied with a gay ribbon on a round silver background.

Harriet Bakken, Convalescent Services, is spending her Christmas leave of two weeks in Los Angeles.

Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** manager of the Letterman Post Exchange, will journey to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with her daughter. She will return to LGH on the 29th.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to **Marshall Douglas,** Photo Lab, whose mother passed away recently.

Mr. **Fred Crawford,** laboratory technician in the Dental Clinic, is now a patient at Letterman on Ward N-2 and we extend every wish for a rapid recovery.

Ellen Bauer, Dental Clinic, is spending her holiday leave with her family in Arizona.

Elizabeth Thompson and **Anne Gaffney,** Civilian Personnel, will both spend one week in Oregon. Elizabeth will go to Eugene while Anne will visit Portland.

Gone

Lieut. Col. Sterling J. Ritchey, MC, senior resident in Orthopedic Surgery, left Letterman last week to spend a year as resident at Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Chicago. Before he left, Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presented him with the certificate indicating completion of two years' residency training here.

HER INTERESTS ARE QUITE VARIOUS, AND HER TEMPERAMENT'S HILARIOUS



First Lieut. DORIS L. PARKER, WMSC
Assistant chief dietitian at Letterman

First Lieut. Doris L. Parker, assistant chief dietitian, is regarded at Letterman as a person whom it is fun to know, and she has an engagingly mischievous way with her. Ever since the mess personnel began preparations for Christmas, Lieut. Parker has cheerfully assumed as an "additional duty" the task of helping with the "Brownie" decorative scheme. Between doing the cost accounting which is part of her job, and learning to type at evening classes here on the post, she has helped by putting red feathers in the hats of the brownies that made the Christmas tables and trays festive for today.

She was born in Pax, West Va., grew up in Dunbar, Pa., and first decided upon teaching as a career. She majored in home economics and dietetics at Hood College, Frederick, Md., and did graduate work at Pennsylvania State College. She then taught home economics at Libertytown, Md., and at the Monogahela Township High School in Pennsylvania. When the war began and both her brother and sister were in the service, she decided to join the Army herself, and in 1944 went to Fort Bragg, N. C., to take the Army course for dietitians. After receiving her commission in December 1944, she had basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala., then went to her first station, at Fletcher General Hospital in Cambridge, Ohio. She remained there until the hospital closed in March 1946, after which she was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky for more than two years. She received the Army Commendatioin Ribbon for her work at Fletcher.

While she was stationed in Kentucky, Lieutenant Parker developed a keen interest in horseracing in the course of attending three Kentucky derbies, though she reports that the only financial results were that she "helped to feed all the horses." She likes horseback riding and golf, and has a sizable collection of records, mostly light opera. She intends to see that in future her records are also lightweight and has ordered some albums of the new microgroove long-playing records, having recently acquired an instrument suitable for playing them.



To Pfc. and Mrs. Bennie E. Rubie, a girl, **Kathie Elizabeth,** born 7 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert E. Below, a girl, **Barbara Anne,** born 7 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Marx H. Larson, a boy, **Steven Vincent,** born 7 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. L. J. Ponder, a girl, **Sandra Lou,** born 7 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gene C. Broaddus, a girl, **Margie Jean,** born 8 December.

To Pvt .and Mrs. Olie Martin Ericksen, Sr., a boy, **Olie Martin, Jr.,** born 8 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George A. Doto, Sr., a boy, **George Aloyious, Jr.,** born 9 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Felix S. Hondalero, Sr., a boy, **Felix Salva, Jr.,** born 10 December.

To 1st. Lt. and Mrs. William W. Sharp, a boy, **Christopher William,** born 10 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph B. Barlow, a boy, **Mark Dominic,** born 10 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Jack F. Musick, a boy, **Richard Lee,** born 10 December.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Herbert H. Jackson, a boy, **Kenneth Daniels,** born 10 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Claude E. Felty, a boy, **Charles Shannon,** born 11 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Louis F. Neff, a girl, Nancy Sue, born 11 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. George Stratos, a girl, **Georgia Artemis,** born 11 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Milton W. Powell, a girl, **Linda Joy,** born 11 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Curtis B. Gentz, a girl, **Susan Correen** ,born 11 December.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Alfred Fred Gedaly, a girl, **Vivian Rose,** born 12 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold F. Resse, a girl, **Ralesia Marie,** born 12 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Knowlton, a boy, **Steven Odis,** born 13 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond B. Woods, a boy, **Charles Dennis,** born 14 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal **Harold E. Nichols** and his wife left last week to spent a short furlough, including the Christmas holidays, in Los Angeles. They will be staying at the home of Corporal Nichols' parents.

Pfc. **Bill Gambee** and Pfc. **Bob Libby** have been occupied for the past two weeks in giving out the Christmas trees for Special Services. They report that they have lost some of their former sentimental feelings about the yuletide tree, and next year will be soon enough for them to see more trees. They are definitely not in the market for a copy of the poem "Trees."

Sergeant **Al Vendouris** of the Message Center is spending a joyous 30-day leave in Los Angeles. He was reluctant to leave, of course, because he hates to miss writing the Medical Detach column. That's what the man said, anyway, before he took off.

Pfc. **Jim Mayes** of Physical Reconditioning received his discharge last Saturday and said a reluctant goodbye to Letterman. The boys in his section had almost talked him into re-enlisting, but evidently they weren't quite persuasive enough, because Jim is now on his way home to Texas.

"The way of one who seeks to bring peace between men is sometimes difficult." If you don't agree, contact Master Sergeant **Charles A. Doze** of the Finance Office. The other night he acquired a broken rib while trying to bring "peace between men."

Pfc. **Bob Ankene** returned this week from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, where he attended Physical Reconditioning classes. He took a short delay en route on the way back for the purpose of visiting his home.

Paging Freud! Corporal **George Adams** of Troop I & E Branch had quite a dream the other night, in which he saw himself and Sergeant First Class **Clarence Carrick** fighting a duel. Fortunately there were no casualties—the pair had just drawn their pistols and turned to fire when George awoke. These action dreams are mighty tiring and call for extra sleep, George says.

FOR 30 OF OUR 50 YEARS JOE MAREA HAS BEEN BOSS OF THE BRACE SHOP



JOE MAREA
Completed 30 years service at LGH in November

When mechanical things go "haywire" here the immediate re-action is: "Send it down to Joe—he can fix it." What Joe De Freitas fails to accomplish Joe Marea can fix—and vice versa.

Mr. Joseph Marea—to be formal for the moment—is the supervisor of the Orthopedic appliance shop, better known as "the brace shop," at Letterman and he has been here for more than 30 years in the same capacity. He is a Native Son and was born at Pleasanton, just a few miles east of Oakland.

Joe has seen his shop grow up during World War I and shrink in the years between until he was the sole member of his department. Then with World War II he participated in the general expansion program of the army. He had a staff of 50 assistants at the peak of the load and when Letterman became a debarkation hospital his specialists were transferred to Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, which had been designated as an orthopedic center. When Bushnell closed in 1946 Joe again became a very busy man in his department.

At the present time he has a staff of 12 and they are well occupied in the manufacture of braces, prostheses, belts, and general run of orthopedic appliances. Joe is a valuable aid to the Physical Therapy section in the rehabilitation of the wounded and in his early years at Letterman he was the Physical Therapy section in addition to his other duties.

While Major General Norman T. Kirk was the Surgeon General of the Army our Joe had a standing invitation to trasfer to Bushnell or any orthopedic center of his choice. The general has become well acquainted with Joe's skill during a four year tour as Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman. Despite the invitation to go elsewhere Joe remained loyal to Letterman.

Mrs. Marea is the former Eulalia Beebe, long time technician in the Dental Clinic. They were married early in the current year and with her help we hope to keep Joe right with us forever—well, for almost forever.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Christmas spirit is really booming these days in the Transportation Office, thanks to Major **John Ford,** who provided all the decorations, after which everyone took a hand and got into the spirit of Christmas by decorating the office.

Major **Josephine Balestra,** ANC, returning from a train trip to Battle Creek, Michigan, was in a very gay mood. When asked about the trip, she said "Oh, it wasn't bad."

Best wishes go this week to Captain **Russel Hey,** who is now our new Adjutant.

Lieut. **Joseph Russell** is in headquarters awaiting the next train to Camp Kilmer. He will be assigned to our detachment there.

Sergeant first class **Treen H. Burrows** is now holding down Sergeant first class **Warren Kernop's** job of warming the chair in the Record Section, as Sergeant Kernop is soon to depart for a new assignment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Corporal **Gerald L. Whittaker** is often seen sitting in the Transportation Office smoking a pipe, but really he could and he should give it up, as he has some funny dreams, and according to the way we figure it, they must be pipe dreams.

Our hand is extended in welcome to the following new men who have joined our unit the past week. We hope their stay with us will be a long and enjoyable one. They are Corporal **Harry G. Gnirk,** Corporal **Charles H .Baxter,** Corporal **Carmine C. DeMonica,** Pfc. **John S. Murray,** Pvt. **Donald J. Rastetter,** Pvt. **Walter J. Francis,** Pvt. **Alfred J. Brignac,** Pvt. **Joseph A. Pavlischek** and Rct. **Russell K. Coffey.**

Big Business

Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa announced that the greeting card and letter cancellation of last Friday, December 17th, 1948, totalled 3,801,900 pieces, as against 3,114,400 pieces of the same day in the year 1947; this is the largest cancellation on record in the San Francisco Post Office, including war years.

The 3,801,900 pieces represents an increase of 22% over the same day a year ago. The increase from December 1st to 17th, 1948, represents an increase of 13½% over the year 1947, same period.

Great Books

The Library is sponsoring a discussion group under the Great Books Foundation program which will begin the end of January. It is designed to acquaint you with the thoughts of the great minds of the past and aid you in forming your own opinions on the problems of today. The only requirements for joining the group are a desire to be informed and the nominal expenditure of $9.60 for books to cover a one-year course.

The works and writers include: The Bible, Plato, Thucydides, Aristophanes, Aristotle, Plutarch, Machiavelli, Montaigne, Shakespeare, Locke, Rousseau, Smith, Marx, and others.

Two trained leaders, vets of World War II, will direct the discussions and you will be given a chance to express your opinions, or ask questions. This is **not** a lecture course; the emphasis is on discussion. We'll meet in the library once every two weeks. You can relax in our comfortable chairs and argue to your heart's content.

If you leave the hospital before the year's end you may join another group at your destination as the groups are scattered all over the U. S. If you are interested in joining and have not already left your name, please see the librarian and request an application card to procure the books.

Some new books in the libray:

Bradley. No Place to Hide. (A doctor's view of the Bikini bomb test and its implications).

Haley. Jeff Milton; a good man with a gun. (Cowboy and Texas ranger, sometimes among the lawless, he said of himself "I never killed a man that didn't need killing; I never shot an animal except for meat.")

Mitchell. Yankee Folk. (A look at some fascinating old New Englanders; hermits, body snatchers, pirates, boy mathematical wizards, and other assorted characters seeking fame, riches, or salvation).

Melville. Piazza Tales. (Reissue of some long-neglected stories by the author of "Moby Dick." Good reading!)

Howe. Economics for the Practical Man. (A book for those interested in and puzzled by the complex economic problems of today's world. Includes chapters on monopolies, money and banking, wages, rent, land, capital, etc. Written in an easy-to-read style by a man who is a top real estate economist.)

Monthly Wage Bracket Table for Withholding Tax

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If Monthly Pay is—		And the number of withholding exemptions claimed is—					
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5
		The amount of tax to be withheld shall be—					
$0	$56	15% of wages	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
56	60	$8.70	.40	0	0	0	0
60	64	9.30	1.00	0	0	0	0
64	68	9.90	1.60	0	0	0	0
68	72	10.50	2.20	0	0	0	0
72	76	11.10	2.80	0	0	0	0
76	80	11.70	3.40	0	0	0	0
80	84	12.30	4.00	0	0	0	0
84	88	12.80	4.50	0	0	0	0
88	92	13.40	5.10	0	0	0	0
92	96	14.00	5.70	0	0	0	0
96	100	14.60	6.30	0	0	0	0
100	104	15.20	6.90	0	0	0	0
104	108	15.80	7.50	0	0	0	0
108	112	16.40	8.10	0	0	0	0
112	116	17.00	8.70	.40	0	0	0
116	120	17.60	9.30	1.00	0	0	0
120	124	18.20	9.90	1.60	0	0	0
124	128	18.80	10.50	2.20	0	0	0
128	132	19.40	11.10	2.80	0	0	0
132	136	20.00	11.70	3.40	0	0	0
136	140	20.60	12.30	4.00	0	0	0
140	144	21.20	12.90	4.60	0	0	0
144	148	21.80	13.50	5.20	0	0	0
148	152	22.40	14.10	5.80	0	0	0
152	156	23.00	14.70	6.40	0	0	0
156	160	23.60	15.30	7.00	0	0	0
160	164	24.20	15.90	7.60	0	0	0
164	168	24.80	16.50	8.20	0	0	0
168	172	25.40	17.10	8.80	.50	0	0
172	176	26.00	17.70	9.40	1.10	0	0
176	180	26.60	18.30	10.00	1.70	0	0
180	184	27.20	18.90	10.60	2.30	0	0
184	188	27.80	19.50	11.20	2.90	0	0
188	192	28.40	20.10	11.80	3.50	0	0
192	196	29.00	20.70	12.40	4.10	0	0
196	200	29.60	21.30	13.00	4.70	0	0
200	204	30.20	21.90	13.60	5.30	0	0
204	208	30.80	22.50	14.20	5.90	0	0
208	212	31.40	23.10	14.80	6.50	0	0
212	216	32.00	23.70	15.40	7.10	0	0
216	220	32.60	24.30	16.00	7.70	0	0
220	224	33.20	24.90	16.60	8.30	0	0
224	228	33.80	25.50	17.20	8.90	.60	0
228	232	34.40	26.10	17.80	9.50	1.20	0
232	236	35.00	26.70	18.40	10.10	1.80	0

If Monthly Pay Is—		And the number of withholding exemptions claimed is—					
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5
		The amount of tax to be withheld shall be—					
$236	$240	$35.60	$27.30	$19.00	$10.70	$2.40	$0
240	248	36.50	28.20	19.90	11.60	3.30	0
248	256	37.60	29.30	21.00	12.70	4.40	0
256	264	38.80	30.50	22.20	13.90	5.60	0
264	272	40.00	31.70	23.40	15.10	6.80	0
272	280	41.20	32.90	24.60	16.30	8.00	0
280	288	42.40	34.10	25.80	17.50	9.20	.90
288	296	43.60	35.30	27.00	18.70	10.40	2.10
296	304	44.80	36.50	28.20	19.90	11.60	3.30
304	312	46.00	37.70	29.40	21.10	12.80	4.50
312	320	47.20	38.90	30.60	22.30	11.00	5.70
320	328	48.40	40.10	31.80	23.50	15.20	6.90
328	336	49.60	41.30	33.00	24.70	16.40	8.10
336	344	50.80	42.50	34.20	25.90	17.60	9.30
344	352	52.00	43.70	35.40	27.10	18.80	10.50
352	360	53.20	44.90	36.60	28.30	20.00	11.70
360	368	54.40	46.10	37.80	29.50	21.20	12.90
368	376	55.60	47.30	39.00	30.70	22.40	14.10
376	384	56.80	48.50	40.20	31.90	23 60	15.30
384	392	58.00	49.70	41.40	33.10	24.80	16.50
392	400	59.20	50.90	42.60	34.30	26.00	17.70
400	420	61.30	53.00	44.70	36.40	28.10	19.80
420	440	64.20	55.90	47.60	39.30	31.00	22.70
440	460	67.20	58.90	50.60	42.30	34.00	25.70
460	480	70.20	61.90	53.60	45.30	37.00	28.70
480	500	73.20	64.90	56.60	48.30	40.00	31.70
500	520	76.20	67.90	59.60	51.30	43.00	34 70
520	540	79.20	70.90	62.60	54.30	46.00	37.70
540	560	82.20	73.90	65.60	57.30	49.00	40.70
560	580	85.20	76.90	68.60	60.30	52.00	43.70
580	600	88.10	79.80	71.50	63.20	54.90	46.60
600	640	92.60	84.30	76.00	67.70	59.40	51.10
640	680	98.60	90.30	82.00	73.70	65.40	57.10
680	720	104.60	96.30	88.00	79.70	71.40	63.10
720	760	110.60	102.30	94.00	85.70	77.40	69.10
760	800	116.50	108.20	99.90	91.60	83.30	75.00
800	840	122.50	114.20	105.90	97.60	89.30	81.00
840	880	128.50	120.20	111.90	103.60	95.30	87.00
880	920	134.50	126.20	117.90	109.60	101.30	93.00
920	960	140.40	132.10	123.80	115.50	107.20	98.90
960	1,000	146.40	138.10	129.80	121.50	113.20	104.90
		15 percent of the excess over $1,000 plus—					
$1,000 and over		149.40	141.10	132.80	124.50	116.20	107.90

Armed Forces personnel, excluding Philippine Scouts, will be subject to Federal income tax starting January 1, 1949. Pay will include all elements of pay (base and longevity, foreign service and sea duty, additional pay for flying, parachute, glider, and diving duty, special $100 to medical officers, pay for badges, etc.) as distinguished from allowances. Each serviceman may claim himself as a dependent.

CAUSE OF PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA

Climaxing a seven-year period of painstaking preparation, a series of long-awaited court trials in which the Catholic Church will consider Padre Junipero Serra's right to be termed a saint, began this week in Fresno, California, it has been announced by Rev. Eric O'Brien, O. F. M., vice-postulator of Father Serra's cause.

Father Serra, who came to be known as "The Apostle of California," was born in Petra on the Spanish island of Mallorca in 1713. He joined the Franciscan order in 1730 and came to the New World in 1749. In 1769, at the age of 56, he began the task of establishing missions in the unexplored wilderness of Upper California. Beginning with San Diego in 1769, he founded nine missions: San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel, 1770; San Antonio and San Gabriel, 1771; San Luis Obispo, 1772; San Francisco and San Juan Capistrano, 1776; Santa Clara, 1777 and San Buenaventura, 1782.

During his 15 years as Presidente of the California missions over 5200 Indians were baptized, of whom Father Serra personally confirmed 5000. He walked nearly 13,000 miles in doing this missionary work, while suffering from an ulcerated leg. He pioneered development of California agriculture and laid the foundation for the settlement of California's coastal cities. He died at Carmel Mission in August 1784, at the age of 70, and is buried in the sanctuary near the altar.

Scuttlebutt

The term "scuttlebutt" hails from the dim past days of sailing ships when drinking fountains were so called because they consisted of a butt with a scuttle for drawing water. Since it was the custom of sailors to spin yarns around the water fountain, rumors and stories mouthed here came to be known as "scuttlebutt."

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Higher Ranks on Temporary Basis For Many Officers

(AFPS) — Higher temporary ranks for 1,681 Regular and non-Regular Captains and First Lieutenants are to be made early in 1949 in the first promotion list authorized since March, 1947. In addition, the Medical Corps will make 45 Colonels and will share another 106 other promotions to Lt. Colonel with the Chaplains Corps.

The Lieutenants get the largest number to promotions with 1,120 to be awarded Captain's bars. Another 560 First Lieutenants will be placed on the eligible list for the next rank-vacancies to come up.

The Captains will get 561 Major's gold leaves, and another 281 will be placed on the list of eligibles for future promotion.

Except in the Medical and Chaplains Corps, no temporary Colonels and Lt. Colonels will be made at this time because of a lack of vacancies. In the Chaplains Corps 45 officers will be made Colonels with an additional 23 put on the eligible list for future promotion.

The major Army Commands have been authorized to promote First Lieutenants to the temporary grade of Captian within the quotas stipulated. There is no change in the procedure for promoting Second Lieutenants one grade. Second Lieutenants become eligible for consideration for promotion after having spent a minimum of 18 months in grade.

Regular Army officers up for promotion to Captain and Major must have completed nine or more years' service for promotion purposes as of December 31, 1948. All non-Regular officers serving in the grade of Captain who have temporary dates of rank as of December, 1942, will be included in the zones of consideration.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
Visit Christmas Corner ward prize winner—K-2. L to R: General Mark Clark, Sixth Army commander, Mrs. Clark, Judge M. C. Mussmanno, Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole and Mrs. Cole.

General Clark is Christmas Visitor

Adding to the cheer brought to our patients on Christmas morning was the rounds of visits to the wards by the commanding general of the 6th Army, General Mark W. Clark, and Mrs. Clark.

The distinguished callers were accompanied by Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Letterman commander, and Mrs. Cole, Brigadier General Leonard H. Heaton, Director of Professional Services at Letterman, and Miss Heaton, Colonel James B. Stapleton, Executive Officer, and Mrs. Stapleton, Colonel James O. Gillespie, Chief of the Medical Service and Mrs. Gillespie, and Colonel James B. Edmunds, Chief Public Information Section, Headquarters, 6th Army, and Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Letterman Chief Nurse, and Lieut. William Clark.

Also in the party was the Honorable M. C. Mussmanno, one of the Chief Justices at the Nuremberg trials, and a former captain in the Navy, who served with General Clark in the Italian campaigns, who is a house guest of General and Mrs. Clark.

Christmas Corner Sweepstakes Award Goes to Ward 42

The Christmas Corner contest which has become a traditional feature of the holiday season at Letterman was sponsored as usual this year by the Red Cross, and ward 42 won the sweepstakes prize of an electric phonograph.

An elaborate Nativity scene, a realistic fireplace, a live Santa Claus and five singing patients costumed as choir boys, complete with halos and lighted candles, won the prize for 42.

Second best ward in the hospital was ward K-2, which also qualified as the first in the most humorous class because of its stuffed "neuro-surgical" Santa Claus. Ward F-2 was third best ward, and first in the most traditional class. Fourth best ward was ward E-2, which took first prize for the display showing the most Christmas spirit. These three wards received radios as their prizes.

All other wards that won prizes will have ward parties during January as their rewards. Ward E-1 was first for the most artistic award, with S-1 second. Ward F-1 got first prize for the most original, with C-1 and O-2 tied for second place. Other second place winners were ward D-1 for the most Christmas spirit; ward K-3 for most humorous, and for the most traditional wards 43 and N-2 tied for second place.

The judges had an unusually difficult time in making their decisions, due to the excellence of the ideas carried out on the various wards. Seventeen of the wards participated in the contest.

Assisting the appointed judges were three firemen from Engine Company 28, the firehouse which won the $1000 award in the San Francisco Fire Department's Christmas decoration contest.

First Group of LGH Residents Complete Training Here

A group of seven medical officers assigned to the Letterman house staff for residency training received certificates last week from Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, indicating the completion of their training period. The Residency Training Program was implemented here on I January 1947, and this is the first group to be graduated under the plan, and the first group who received the major part of their training in Army hospitals.

Those who received the certificates were: Colonel George F. Peer, MC, of the Surgical Service; Lieut. Col. Romeyn J. Healy, MMC, of the Radiological Service; Major Robert B. Dickerson, MC, of the Medical Service; Major Robert P. Hargreaves, MC, of the Psychiatric Service; Major Nelson S. Irey, MC, of the Laboratory Service; Major Edward P. Shannon, MC, of Anesthesiology Section, and Major William G. Thalmann, Jr., MC, of the Medical Service.

The Residency Training Program was implemented at certain designated Army general hospitals in January 1947 for the purpose of training Regular Army medical officers in order to qualify them to take American Medical Association Specialty Board examinations. The training program is a long-range one, with a two-fold purpose. Its first purpose is to provide well-qualified specialists within the Ary in order to assure that patients in military hospitals have the best professional care. Second, it was initiated in order to interest civilian physicians in an Army career in which they would be assured of receiving specialized training. Since the residency training program is a long-range one, the first fruits of it are just now being attained in the graduation of this first group here. They have now fulfilled the formal training requirements for Specialty Board examinations.

The completion of training requirements for board examinations is merely a milestone in the career of a physician who desires to specialize in any particular field of medicine. The requirements of the Specialty Board are very rigid, and the candidates who successfully pass the board examinations are then certified by a board concerned and thereafter are recognized in the medical profession as specialists, and may limit their practice to their particular specialty.



LETTERMEN RESIDENTS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presents certificates for completion of residency training to (L to R): Col. George F. Peer, MC; Lieut. Col. Romeyn J. Healy, MC; Major Robert P. Hargreaves, MC; Major Edward P. Shannon, MC; Major Nelson S. Irey, MC, and Major Robert B. Dickerson, MC.

In order to qualify to take the board examination, a physician must receive his training at a hospital approved by the American Medical Association for the medical specialty concerned. In most instances the specialty boards require three years of formal training plus two years of limited practice in the individual's specialty before he is considered eligible to take the examination. Most of the board examinations consist of both a written and an oral test. The written test is given first, and it must be passed before the oral test is administered.

The Surgeon General has a plan worked out for each individual who is assigned under the residency training program. Upon completion of his formal training there is a particular place for him in the Medical Department. Usually he is assigned to a station hospital as chief or assistant chief of service in order to permit him to meet the "limited practice" requirement for the board examination. Upon completion of this requirement and upon certification by the board in question, the medical officer is assigned to a large station hospital or a general hospital as chief of a service or section.

The members of the group who have just completed their formal training here have been reassigned to Army station hospitals to serve the required time in limited practice. In this particular group some of the officers have already had the required practice in their specialty before beginning their residency training, and they are now ready to take the board examinations.

Colonel Peer, who has been a resident here in General Surgery since 1 January 1947, is on orders to go to Camp Chaffey, Arkansas, where he will be Chief of the Surgical Service. Colonel Peer is a graduate of the medical school of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland.

Lieut. Col. Healy, who received his medical degree at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has already left for his new station at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Colonel Healy began his residency training in Radiology here in January 1947.

Major Dickerson has been at Letterman only one year, having begun his residency training in Internal Medicine 1 January 1947 at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. He is a graduate of Washington University. Major Dickerson will remain at Letterman until after he takes the first part of the board examination early in April, after which he will be transferred to the Far East Command, with station in Yokohama, Japan.

Major Hargreaves, a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, transferred to Letterman 1 January 1948 for training in Psychiatry. Before entering the Army, Major Hargreaves had practiced psychiatry in the Panama Canal Zone as a civilian physician for a number of years, so that he required only one year of residency training. He is leaving shortly for an N-P assignment at Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Major Irey began his residency training in Pathology at Fitzsimons General Hospital 1 January 1947 and came to Letterman for his final year of training last January. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Major Irey has received orders assigning him to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., for laboratory duty, but before he goes to Valley Forge he will spend five months on temporary duty in New York, at the First Army Area Laboratory.

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What the Camera Caught at Letterman Over the Holidays



MOST ARTISTIC CHRISTMAS CORNER
Was ward E-1. L to R: Veteran B. Angulin, veteran Chas. T. Puckett, Sgt. R. J. Kohman and veteran Sam Denby.



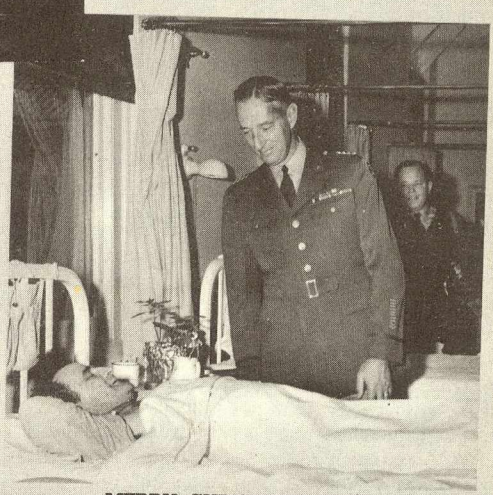
SHE SANG CHRISTMAS SONGS
Vera Matheson of the American Guild of Variety Artists sang for the patients in a pre-Christmas show at the Rec Hall.



DISTINGUISHED CHRISTMAS VISITOR
General Mark Clark (left), Sixth Army commander, is welcomed to Letterman on Christmas Day by Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general. General Clark came to make a holiday visit to the patients. Lieut. William P. Mahaffey, 6th Army official photographer in the background.



DINNER IS SERVED
Wardmaster Corporal Joe Daley brings veteran patient Alfred C. Larson of ward N-2 his Christmas dinner tray.



MERRY CHRISTMAS WISH
From General Mark Clark, Sixth Army commander, to Alfred Chandomont, veteran, of ward C-1, during General Clark's Christmas Day visit to LGH.

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HAPPY
New Year

EDITORIAL

RESOLUTIONS

T-day brought the dawn of a New Year and, in all likelihood, a flock of resolutions as to what we as individuals plan to do, or leave undone, during the year ahead.

The making of resolutions at this season is an annual pastime, and it is possible that some of the firm resolves are kept. But human nature, being what it is, is not prone to change overnight just because a new year happens to be in the offing.

This New Year's Day will find us the same man we were at the end of yesterday. No transformation has occurred between dusk and dawn. Our foibles and frailties are still with us but this year we "intend to do something" about 'em.

We believe New Year resolutions should be encouraged. They could even be kept—although to our great surprise.

Give your resolution a fair trial—and have

A Happy New Year.



Two new members of the Army Nurse Corps staff arrived here for duty on Christmas Eve, just in time for the Christmas party at the Nurses Recreation Hall, which made it a hearty welcome to Letterman for them. They are Captain **Marjorie V. Bean** and First Lieut. **Clara M. Liedtke,** and they have both just completed basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

And speaking of the Christmas party, we don't know whether or not any of the guests identified the mysterious "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" in advance, but their identities have now been revealed. Mr. Claus was First Lieut. **Anne K. Brady** and Mrs. Claus was Captain **Lourine Patterson.** It isn't often that Santa brings his wife along, but with over a hundred gifts to distribute, Santa really needed his helpmate as an assistant.

Miss **Mary Kay Berteling,** former chief of Occupational Therapy at Letterman, was in San Francisco for a few days during the holidays, and was the guest of Captain **Ada Marie Bowers,** WMSC, the present chief of O. T., during her stay. Miss Berteling is now in charge of the O. T. clinical training program at the University of Southern California.

Thanks to the combination housewarming and open house party given by First Lieut. **Betty Hearne** of Physical Therapy and Miss **Denne Kuntz,** formerly of P. T., there was no post-Christmas letdown for the patients and duty personnel invited. The party was held the day after Christmas, and everyone there had a wonderful time.

Two members of the O. T. staff—2d Lieuts. **Jane Racicot** and **Winifred Watson**—returned this week from Brooke Army Medical Center after completing the six-week orientation course.

Captain **Kathryn M. Doody,** ANC, and First Lieut. **Pattie R. Gibbs,** ANC, celebrated the arrival of the New Year in Los Angeles during a five-day leave.

First Lieut. **Virginia D. Earpe,** ANC, began a 15-day leave this week, and is entertaining visitors from the East.

WAC

Sergeant **Jane Jones** entertained her sister from Los Angeles over the Christmas week end, then saw her off on a vacation trip to Honolulu, and cheerfully returned to her desk Monday morning without even a muttered "I wish I were going too!"

Master Sergeant **Nellie P. Johnson** had friends here for Christmas dinner at Letterman.

Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** CO of the detachment, and First Lieut. **Frances Harllee** of Troop Information & Education Office were cohostesses at an eggnog party Christmas Eve afternoon in Captain Woodworth's quarters.

It seems that Corporal **Marilouise Damm** tasted her first Tom and Jerry during the holidays, and she didn't hesitate a minute in putting her unqualified stamp of approval on the beverage. She says they ought to be popular for all-year-round consumption.

Two former members of the detachment are rejoicing over a visit from the stork on Christmas Eve. Both are former master sergeants who forsook the Army for careers as wives and mothers—Eileen Venters and Stella Wilson—and each is now the mother of a son.

Sergeant **Loie Silsby** was pleasantly surprised last week to receive a gift from M. Harris of San Francisco. The package contained three cartons of cigarettes with a note saying they were for her and for Letterman patients. The donor had heard Sergeant Silsby on the Chicago radio broadcast of the "Welcome Stranger" show recently, and got the happy idea of sending the welcome remembrance.

Postal Rates Go Up Today

Postal rates go up today, Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa announced this week. The increases are:

Air mail, 5 to 6 cents an ounce; third class (circulars) 1½ to 2 cents. Special delivery, first class, 15 cents below 2 pounds; below 10 pounds, 25 cents; over 10 pounds, 35 cents; second class, 25 cents, 35 cents and 45 cents, respectively. Postal notes, 5 to 8 cents. Money orders, to $5, 10 cents; to $10, 15 cents; to $50, 25 cents; to $100, 35 cents.

Other slight increases will go into effect on parcel post, special handling, insured and registered letters and COD mailings.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 2, January 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

New Year's Day, 1 January,
Masses at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Recruiters Meet All Kinds of Queer Queries

New York (AFPS) — Recruiting Sergeants may have their bad moments, but they never find them dull.

According to the Recruiting Journal, published by the Recruiting Publicity Bureau, the R. S. ran up against an applicant who wanted to join the Air Force, but declined when he found he wouldn't be issued a private plane.

"In fact," says the Journal, "he was insulted when he discovered he couldn't have a choice between a B-29 and an F-80."

Then there was the mother who called the Recruiting Station to say that the Army was treating her son well, but could she please have an increase in her allotment because the cost of living was skyrocketing.

In the Northern New York District, the Oneonta Recruiting Station reported that two months ago a young lady called the station and complained because her boy friend had enlisted. A few days later she was on the phone again. This time she was mad.

"Guess the only way I can keep a boy friend is to keep company with a Recruiter," she told the sergeant, "because my newest boy friend has enlisted, too."

Also from Oneonta comes the story about the woman who read in the daily paper that her husband had enlisted in the Army.

"I haven't seen him around for a couple of days," she siad, "and I was wondering if it was true."

P.S. It was!

WAC OF THE WEEK



JOAN M. WEBSTER
Corporal

In November, when Corporal Joan Webster came to duty at Letterman, she had completed four years service in the WAC, and during that time she ranged from Washington, D. C. to Washington State, and served at stations in an impressive number of states, including Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Michigan and Kansas. This whipping around the U. S. at a fast pace appears to have agreed with her, too.

Joan was born in Boston and grew up in Brookline, Mass., going to school there and at Notre Dame Academy in Charlottetown in the Maritime Provinces, Canada. She joined the WAC in November 1944, shortlly after she finished at Notre Dame, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training. This was followed by three months at Camp Atterbury, where she was trained as a surgical technician, and a final month of training at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Her first duty station was the regional hospital at Westover Field in Springfield, Mass. She worked on the surgical ward there for seven months, then was transferred to Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire for three months on a similar assignment. After brief periods at Selfridge Field, Michigan and Smoky Hill in Salina, Kansas, she was sent to Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, where she remained until the fort closed. Joan is on duty in the Operating Room here at Letterman.

She will be in the WAC until next June, and her plans for the future include going back to school to get a B.S. degree. In her leisure time she enjoys listening to classical music and is fond of reading.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pvt. **Bert Powers,** patient on ward K-2, was up and about in a wheelchair last week, just in time for Christmas, after all too long a time (it seemed to him) spent in a horizontal position. He even had a chance to take part in stuffing the neuro-surgical Santa Claus that won first prize for ward K-2 in the "most humorous" division of the Christmas Corner contest. And when the branch of mistletoe he had provided for the ward decoration mysteriously disappeared, he had the cooperation of the entire ward in searching for the missing mistletoe.

Thomas Erwin of ward E-2 just casually picked up a few pebbles on the beach recently, went over to the Occupational Therapy Shop and ground and polished them, then set them distinctively in two attractive rings. In case this sets you to searching for pebbles, remember it takes skill to effect the transformation from stone to jewel.

A rivalry described as "friendly but intense" existed between wards 42 and K-2 before the Christmas Corner awards were judged, but there were no casualties when ward 42 won the first prize and K-2 the second. It was a close decision. Veteran patients Amelio Riccio and Alfred Swaim had a lot to do with the decorative scheme on ward 42, and among those who took an active part in getting ward K-2 ready for the judges were Corporal **Robert Higa** (to whom everyone insists on giving the major part of the credit) Master Sergeant **Thomas G. Woolridge** and veteran **Thomas Ruane.**

Hans Arons of ward 41 got special compliments on two Christmas gifts he made in Occupational Therapy. One was a plastic salad set and the other a leather billfold.

Charles C. Piper, veteran patient on ward D-2, hadn't even opened all his Christmas gifts last Saturday morning when General **Mark Clark,** Sixth Army commander, stopped to chat with him on his way through the ward during his Christmas visit to the hospital. As they were shaking hands the photographer got a smiling picture of both. Another patient whose picture was taken with the general was veteran **Albert Chandomont,** on ward C-1.

Corporal **John Tisdale,** patient on ward 41, has been working hard in the O. T. ceramics department lately, and his most recent achievement is a handsome plate. Not only did he make the plate, he also handpainted it.

Opera singer **Vera Matheson** of the American Guild of Variety Artists sang for the patients at a pre-Christmas show in the Recreation Center last week, and after one look, they nominated her for their choice as "What they most wanted to find under the Christmas tree."

Instead of the usual holiday spots before the eyes, the lucky people who got gifts from Pvt. **David Smith, Jr.,** patient on ward 3, saw stripes. he made some good-looking place mats for gifts, decorated with a design of hand-stencilled zebras.

Just as wardmaster Corporal **Joe Daley** of ward N-2 arrived at the bedside of veteran patient **Alfred C. Larson** with a loaded Christmas dinner tray, the photographer got their picture, and Alfred had that "ready-for-turkey" look in his eye.

Sylvester White, veteran patient on ward F-1, is known as the "life of the ward," an unsolicited testimonial from his friends on the ward, who always address him as "Mr. President."

T/Sgt. **Harold L. Butterfield,** patient on ward F-1, whose specialty is gem-cutting, took time out to make a felt turtle for his mother for Christmas. She taught him to sew, and he wanted her to see that he handn't forgotten now. He even made a hat adorned with feathers for the turtle.

MORE ABOUT LGH RESIDENTS

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Major Shannon, a graduate of the University of Maryland, interned here at Letterman in 1942. He returned 1 January 1947 for residency training in Anesthesiology, and has now received orders which will continue him in his present assignment as Chief of Anesthesiology here.

Major Thalmann began his training here as a resident in Internal Medicine 1 January 1947. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College. He will be leaving in the near future for his new station at Fort Ord Station Hospital, where he will be assigned as Chief of Medical Services.

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM M. DOAN
Corporal

Though Corporal William M. Doan has spent most of his time in the Army right here at Letterman, he has been anything but stationary, due to his sports activities. He has played on the Letterman basketball team each year since he came here in 1946. In 1947 he was on the LGH golf team that won the Sixth Army Golf Championship. The other members of the winning foursome were First Lieut. Oliver Rajala, Corporal Fred Lindsay and Corporal Arthur Miller. Football is another of Bill's favorite sports.

He was born in Fifield, Wisconsin, then went to live in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he attended grammar and high school Shortly after he was graduated from Terre Haute High School in June 1946 he enlisted in the Army. He was processed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and was then sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana for his eight-week basic training period.

After completion of basic training, Bill was assigned to duty here at Letterman. After his arrival he took the wardmaster's course given by the Training Branch here, and when he had finished that he became assistant wardmaster on ward S-1. There he is stationed on the door for a part of each day, and also assists in giving certain types of treatments.

Bill has never been stationed in Texas, but he did stop there long enough (on his way from Camp Polk) to buy a ring with a caduceus design, and wears it to proclaim himself a part of the Medical Department.

When he receives his discharge next June, Bill plans to go to college, though he hasn't yet decided which one. He intends to major in physical education and hopes some day to be a basketball coach.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mildred Callahan, Dental Clinic, was twice as excited and happy during Christmas because her husband returned from temporary duty at Camp Lee, Virginia in time to spend the holidays with her.

Elizabeth Bringman, Medical Supply, spent a lovely Christmas at home with her two-year-old daughter, **Chrissie.** Chrissie received a doll buggy for Christmas and instead of giving her dolls a ride in the buggy as is customary, she was seen wheeling a little dog, and judging from his actions, he was enjoying himself very much.

Annette Feller, Ward S-1, is wearing a sparkling diamond on her engagement finger. The lucky man is **Clifford Gross,** a civil engineer. The wedding will take place in the near future, but no definite date has been set.

Lillian Jones, Dental Clinic, attended a Christmas family reunion held at her sister's home in Santa Clara and Lillian said the guests numbered 17 and a wonderful time was had by all.

"Field Marshal Charlie" had a cheerful Christmas trinket decorating the doorway of his booth, and it makes a green-and-silver glitter that shines like one of Charlie's "superlative shoe shines."

Mel Wrysinski of Out-Patient Service was smiling out last week from behind a fragrant bouquet of red, red Christmas roses on her desk, and they were very becoming to her.

Virginia de Trana of Out-Patient Service is spending a holiday leave at her home in Chicago, and won't be seen at her desk again until 10 January.

Sylvester Moore, now a civilian, will resume his duties in the Service Record Section of Military Personnel. We extend a hearty welcome to **Irene Key,** a newcomer to the Officers Section of Military Personnel.

Lief Roberg and **Andrew Jackson,** both of the Laboratory Service, resigned recently to take up school studies again.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, is enjoying a week's leave but her whereabouts are a secret.

Happy New Year!

Proud Parents

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Donald E. Reiner are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, born 21 December at the University of California Hospital.

SHE SERVED OVERSEAS IN BOTH THE ETO AND THE PACIFIC AREA



First Lieut. LUCILE BURT, WMSC
On the LGH Physical Therapy Staff

First Lieut. Lucile Burt, WMSC, has been an Army physical therapist for four years, and has spent 50 per cent of that time on overseas duty. Before the war ended she was in the European Theatre of Operations, and after the cessation of hostilities she served in the Pacific Theatre, which definitely makes her a world traveler. However, all her travels didn't have the result of making her restless, and she is now happily established here, having come to duty in Physical Therapy Branch last September.

Lieutenant Burt was born in Jetmore, Kansas, but her home is now in Manhattan, Kansas, and she took her B. S. degree at Kansas State College in Manhattan. She continued with her studies in graduate work, and obtained her M. A. degree at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. After deciding to become an Army physical therapist, she took P. T. training in a nine-month concentrated course at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, and received her commission in October 1944. She was then assigned to duty at Percy Jones, but remained only a few months, since she was sent overseas in February 1945.

She served in France with the 299th General Hospital, and was later on detached service with the 28th General Hospital in Belgium. While in Europe she went to Paris, the French Riviera, Brussels, and also visited Germany. In July 1945, shortly after V-E Day, she was transferred to duty in the Pacific, and made the trip by way of the Panama Canal, going to the Philippines, where she served with the 229th General Hospital for a few weeks before going on to Japan. She was stationed in Nagoya for five months and in Fukuoka for nearly a year.

Lieutenant Burt returned to the States in February 1947 and was at the station hosiptal at Camp Stoneman until she came to LGH this year.

For pastimes she likes bridge and bowling, and is a member of the P. T. bowling team here at Letterman. Her friends call her Lucy, but just for the record, if you have occasion to write her first name—Lucile—please make it with one "L" in the second syllable.



To Sgt. and Mrs. Sume K. Chew, a boy, **Grant Nan Lim,** born 14 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Antonie F. LaChappelle, a girl, **Sharon Rose,** born 14 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Gail Caple, a boy, **Ronald Gail,** born 15 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Elton Anderson, a girl, **Darlene,** born 15 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Poague, a boy, **Leland Allen,** born 15 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Phillip W. Atkins, a girl, **Terry Renee,** born 15 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Wendell K. Jones, a girl, **Wendy Kathleen,** born 16 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Walter Fred Owen, a boy, **Kenneth Dale,** born 16 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Gene Kneer Severs, a boy, **Ronald Wayne,** born 16 December.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Olin Ashton, a boy, **Robert LeRoy,** born 16 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Horace Clark McFarland, a boy, **Ronnie Frank,** born 17 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Virgil H. DeLapp, a boy, **Geoffrey David,** born 17 December.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur J. Locke, a girl, **Linda Lee,** born 17 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert C. Anderson, a boy, **Philip Wayne,** born 17 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Laurel Dean Relf, a girl, **Doris Fae,** born 17 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Thomas J. Crogn, a girl, **Patricia Anne,** born 17 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Ervin M. Johnson, a boy, **Gary Weston,** born 18 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Albert N. East, a girl, **Nolene Dee,** born 18 December.

To Capt. and Hrs. Edwin I. Boyd, a girl, **Christine Ann,** born 18 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Rudy Ordonez, a girl, **Carolyn Cathleen,** born 18 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

For quite some time now Pfc. **Ed Schllachter** has been going down to a nearby restaurant in the Marina every evening. His friends wondered whether this devotion to one eating place was solely for food or was inspired by a romantic interest. Last week the mystery was solved when Ed (inadvertently, he says) sat under a sprig of mistletoe while he was in the restaurant. He seems to be happy about what happened.

Sergeant **Glenn Opilustic** was up at the crack of dawn the other morning, and those who know Glenn are well aware that this is unusual, to put it mildly. It turned out that he only stayed up long enough to turn on the heater in his end of the barracks so that the room would warm up enough so he could go back to sleep.

Pfc. **Charles H. Ware** of Hospital Service Branch is enjoying a holiday leave. He spent Christmas with his parents in Chicago and celebrated the arrival of the New Year with his grandparents in New York City.

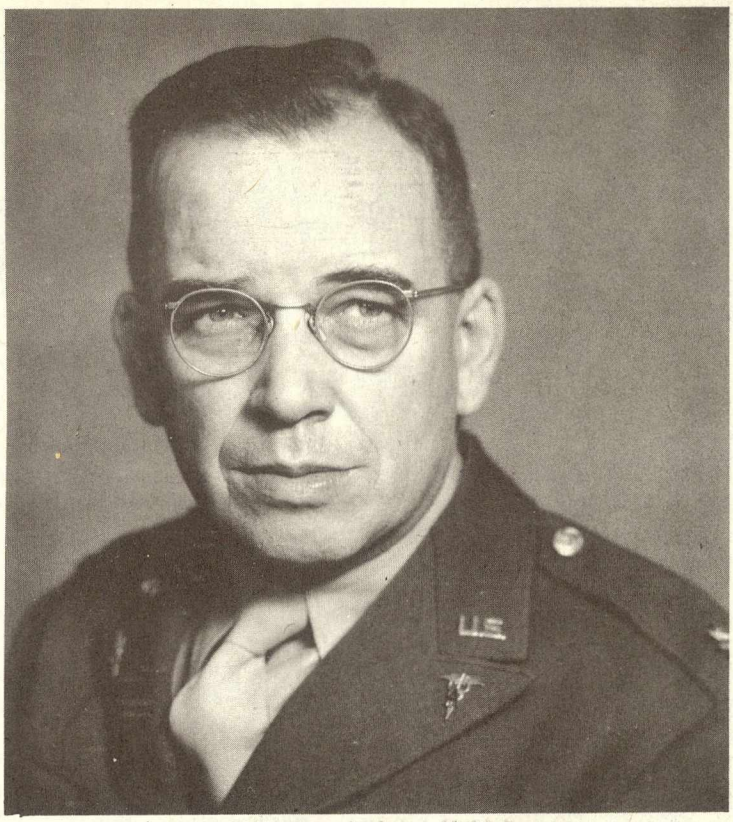
Compliments of the season to Sergeant **Edward Sans** for his picturesque Christmas decorations in the Troop I & E office. Not only did he trim the tree, he also snowed the office in with a blizzard at both windows, and discovered he could write backwards as he lettered "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" on the glass.

Pfc. **Mike O'Toole** and Pfc. **Bill Cambee** struggled manfully last week against the temptation to open a couple of Christmas packages before the happy day arrived. They finally compromised by opening the boxes just enough so that they could peek inside without identifying the contents, thus developing strength of character for greater trials.

There has been some curiosity in barracks 563 as to why Sergeant **George "Woody" Woodard** left word that in case his girl called they were to tell her he was sick in quarters. Probably wanted more time to think of what he'd give her for Christmas?

Welcome to a newcomer in the Troop I & E office—Recruit **Harold P. Brown, Jr.,** who arrived just in time to get in on the halfday holiday schedule, thus getting a fine first impression of Army life. Harold is from Richmond, Vermont, but he said he didn't mind a bit missing that "white Christmas."

MAJOR HUEY IS NOW ON HIS THIRD TOUR OF DUTY HERE AT LETTERMAN



Major REX R. HUEY, MSC
Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Section Detachment

Many complimentary things are said about Major Rex Huey, MSC, by those who work with him, and interviewing him is a rewarding experience because of his nice sense of humor and his inquiring mind, but he doesn't care much for talking about himself—he'd much rather give the other fellow a good sendoff. He is well known at Letterman because this is his third tour of duty here since he joined the Army 28 years ago. This month he will complete two years on his present tour, and his current assignment is as commanding officer of the detachment, Hospital Train Section.

He is a native of the Hoosier State, having been born in Montezuma, Indiana. He went to school in Seattle, Washington, and began to make the Army his career as soon as he finished school. He was first at Letterman from 1919 to 1920, and at that time was first sergeant of the Medical Detachment. Then came four years in the Philippines, after which he returned to Letterman and spent four years here, part of the time as Sergeant Major. He was sent back to the Philippines again after that, and this was followed by assignments at a number of eastern stations—Fort Jay, New York; Fort Hancock, New Jersey, and Fort Slocum, New York. He spent some time in Panama, then returned to the States and was at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He was stationed at the Presidio with Ninth Corps Area headquarters and also with Fourth Army.

He spent 42 months on overseas duty in Hawaii and on Saipan during the war, going over with the 148th General 275 Hospital in March 1942. He received his commission while overseas, in June 1943. Upon his return to the U. S. in January 1946 he came again to LGH and his present assignment. When the Hospital Train Section here assumed jurisdiction over the Section at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Major Huey was at Camp Kilmer for some time, setting up the new organization.

Major Huey and his wife Irma have one daughter, Patricia, who is married and lives here in San Francisco.

Answering the Veterans Queries

A total of 6,913,600 National Service Life Insurance policies, representing more than $40.5 billion of insurance protection, were in force on October 1, Veterans Administration reports.

Of the total, 5,342,480 policies were term insurance. The remaining 1,571,120 policies had been converted to the half-dozen available permanent forms of GI insurance.

Question: Are the widower and children of a woman veteran entitled to pension at her death?

Answer: Under present laws, a widower is not entitled, but surviving children may be entitled to pension.

Question: May pension or compensation payments, accruing to a veteran and unpaid at the time of his death, be awarded to the widow, children or dependent parents?

Answer: Yes, in the order named. If it is not paid to one of the persons, it may be payable to the person paying the expenses of the last sickness and burial.

Question: My son was killed in action during World War II. Am I entitled to compensation?

Answer: You are entitled to compensation, provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for yourself and your family.

Question: While in the Army, I had a dependency allowance for my mother. I am now attending school under Public Law 346. Is it necessary for me to re-establish dependency of my mother?

Answer: Yes. For further details, contact your local Veterans Administration office.

Service Club

The Christian Services Organization has opened a servicemen's club for service men and women in the Glide Memorial Church, 320 Ellis Street, San Francisco (corner of Ellis and Taylor Streets).

This club will be open daily from 1430 to 2200. Facilities include music room, reading room, gymnasium and shower, television set and free coffee and doughnuts.

What the Camera Caught at Letterman Over the Holidays



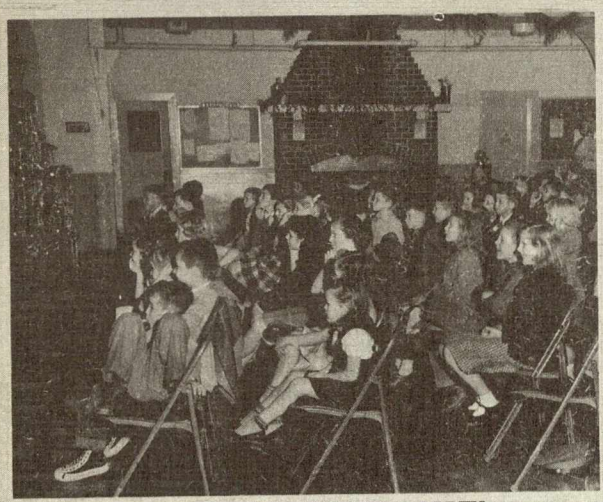
THE BIG BROWNIE CENTERPIECE AT EAST HOSPIAL MESS
L to R: First Lieut. Julie Skellchock of the dietitians staff, who designed the brownies used in the Christmas decorative scheme, and Sergeant First Class Willis Baker, mess sergeant.



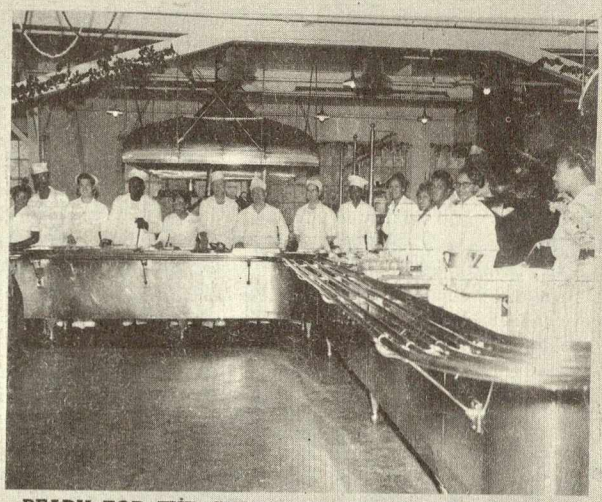
MOST TRADITIONAL PRIZE WINNER
And judged third best in the hospital in the Christmas Corner contest was ward F-2. L to R: Mrs. M. Berry, RN., Edward Kirwan, Cpl. Albert Ebersole, Colonel John K. Davis, MC; S-Sgt. Francis Barber, Sfc Irving Bellus, Pvt. Aron Stroup, veteran Joe J. Stasny, Pvt. Lloyd L. Porter, Pvt. Chas. E. Jaynes, Pfc. Richard Romero.



THE CROWD THAT GETS THE CREDIT
for the sweepstakes Christmas Corner on ward 42, featuring the Nativity scene, live Santa Claus and choir boy patients.



THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
at the Recreation Center was a big success.



READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS CROWD AT THE EAST HOSPITAL MESS

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Colonel Kendall, Oldest Letterman Commander, Dies

Colonel William P. Kendall, United States Army, retired, and former commanding officer of Letterman from 1902 to 1904, died on Friday last after a long illness. He was in his 91st year.

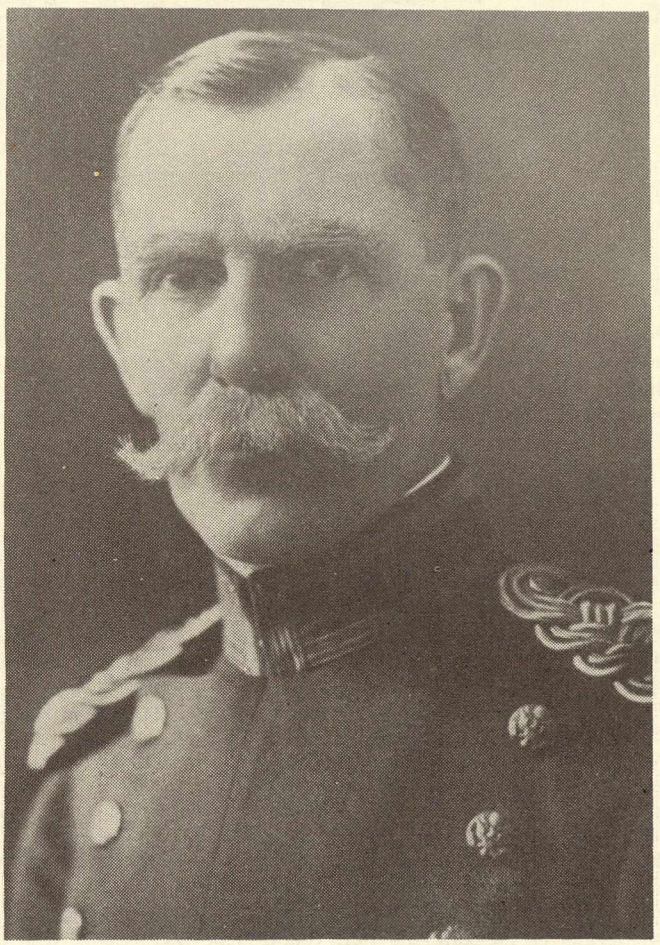
Colonel Kendall was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1858 and educated in the public schools of Pittsfield where he was later a teacher. He received his degree of medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1882 and completed his internship in the same city in 1885.

He was appointed a contract surgeon of the Medical Corps on August 12 of the same year. He was promoted to captain in 1890 and to major in 1901. He became a lieutenant colonel in January, 1910, and a colonel in May, 1916, and retired October 18, 1920, for disability in line of duty. During World War 1 Colonel Kendall was the Chief Surgeon at Schofield Barracks in the Hawaiian Department and prior to that had two years of services in the Philippines for a total of five years. His last station prior to retiring was at Camp Kearney, California.

Colonel Kendall was in command of Letterman Hospital from July 1, 1902, until April 2, 1904, and it was during his administration that the operating room was put in its present location and remained practically as he left it until additions were made in the summer of 1942.

During the early days of World War II Colonel Kendall was a frequent visitor to Letterman. The tall elderly gentleman with the distinguished military bearing invariably aroused the curiosity of passers by on the ramp by reason of the old cavalry mustachio which he wore until the end.

It was the symbol of the old soldier but few know he had been the second commander in the long line of able medical men who have guided the destinies of this hospital, and the oldest survivor.



Colonel WILLIAM P. KENDALL
10 September 1858 — 31 December 1948

Funeral services were held on Monday morning last at which Lieut. Colonel William L. Beswick, IGD., represented the Letterman command. Interment followed at Cypress Lawn Cemetery in San Francisco.

Colonel Kendall is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marie Amelie Kendall.

Clothing Issue Made Uniform In Armed Forces

(AFPS)—Army and Air Force enlisted personnel will draw clothing against a credit allowance beginning 1 July 1949, while Marines will use of the Navy's existing cash allowance method, under a new system which is being placed in effect to bring clothing issuance practices closer together throughout the National Military Establishment.

A directive to this effect has been issued by Secretary of Defense James Forrestal as a result of recommendations made by a committee composed of the three departments.

The new system is expected to save approximately $8 million a year in administrative and maintenance costs, and result in more economical use of clothing by enlisted men and women. Enlisted personnel who take care of their clothing may gain about $25 a year, since any unused amounts of clothing credit will be given to them in cash. Under the present system, where clothing is issued directly, this incentive is lacking.

These savings were estimated on the basis of pre-World War II experience when the credit system was in effect. The new practice will be used only during peacetime.

Eventually the Army, Navy and Air Force will all use a cash allowance system under which enlisted men and women will be given cash sums each year with which to buy clothing.

Details necessary to the changeover are now being worked out by the three Services. The credit system is being adopted by the Army and Air Force as an interim measure so that savings can be realized as soon as possible.

LGH Clinical Records Now Recorded on Microfilm Here

A modern miracle of condensation of records is being performed daily at Letterman ever since the hospital's new Microfilm Section recently went into action. Case histories of Letterman patients will in future be available here in permanent record form on microfilm for study and reference.

Teaching hospitals are required by the American Medical Association to maintain a library for clinical research, and by means of the work being accomplished in the Microfilm Section a compact and easily accessible clinical research library is now being accumulated at Letterman.

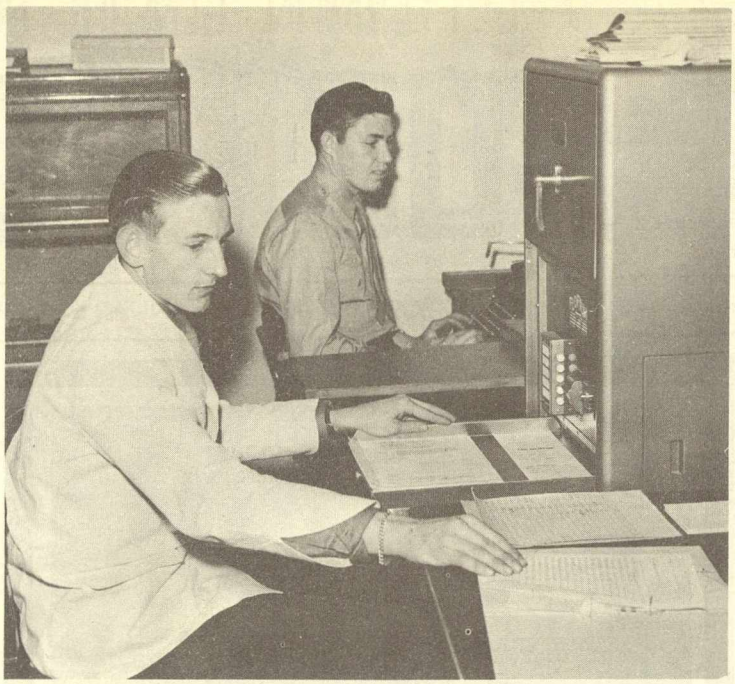
The Microfilm Section is under the immediate supervision of the Registrar's Office, and the Records Administrator, Mr. William G. O'Brien, is responsible for the operating procedures of the section. The new department was started here early in October, and in order to establish a microfilm library as soon as possible it was decided to begin by filming the clinical records of all patients discharged from the hospital since 1 July 1948.

The original records will, as in the past, be sent to their usual destinations three months after the patient has been discharged from the hospital. They go either to the central record section at St. Louis, to the Veterans Administration, or to the hospitals, in case the patient is transferred.

The equipment of the Microfilm Section consists of five separate units—a camera printer, a processor, a film slitter and two readers. The camera used 35 mm. film, but when the photograph is taken, only one-half of the film is exposed, so that when the reel has been completed, it is reversed and run through again, at which time the second half is exposed. When this has been done the reel is placed in the processor, in which it is developed.

The film is then slit in two to fit 16 mm. projection reels, and in this way each reel of 33 mm. film economically records twice as much as might be expected. The film is projected on either of the two readers, and is magnified so that it is even larger than the original 8½ x 11 page size, which makes it very convenient to use in study and research.

Since the 16 mm. reels average from 70 to 100 complete clinical records each, it is desirable to use a method of separating the records that will be uniform and will effectively signal the beginning and end of each case history. A "Case Separator" form has been devised here at Letterman for this purpose. It is half the width of the usual full page size, and thus provides a quickly recognizable signal, necessary because of the speed with which the reader can be operated.



THE MICROFILM CAMERA IN OPERATION
Pfc. Harold E. Spady feeds the pages of the cliincal records into the microfilm camera, beginning the operation which makes possible the clinical research library here. Pvt. Norval D. Gallagher is at the typewriter making the necessary records for the index.

At the beginning of each reel a special form known as a "Starting Target" is used, and an "Ending Target" completes the reel. These targets identify the reel by number, so that in case it is misplaced it can readily be identified and properly filed.

Two means of indexing the film are used—a card index filed under the name of the patients, and an index of the Case Separator forms, filed under the case register number. The latter is used to locate cases listed by register number in the diagnosis file maintained in the Registrar's Office, and also when authorized personnel are attempting to locate charts by register number rather than by the name of the patient. Both the name and register files are kept in the Microfilm Section.

The microfilm equipment is operated by two enlisted men, Pfc. Harold E. Spady, who is in charge of the section, and Pvt. Norval D. Gallager, his assistant, both of whom have received special training in microfilm work. Their duties include preparation for filming, microfilming and reassembling the clinical records, indexing, processing and slitting reels, and maintaining the two index files. Their work is performed under the supervision of Mr. O'Brien, who is responsible, in his capacity as Records Administrator, for instituting approved microfilming projects.

The office of the Microfilm Section is open from 0800 to 1630 Monday through Friday, and from 0800 to 1200 on Saturday. Authorized personnel who need to consult the records of the section after these hours, in case of emergency or for clinical research, may obtain permission by contacting the Receiving Office. Enlisted personnel of that office have been instructed as to how to locate required reels and place them on the microfilm reader, in the event the records are needed after the Microfilm Section is closed.

Army-Wide Sports Tournaments as Slated for 1949

(AFPS)—Army-wide tournaments in six major sports will feature the Army athletic program for 1949. Boxing will lead off the big show in the Military District of Washington during the period of February 20-27, with basketball close on its heels, staged in the First Army area from March 6 to 13.

The Fifth Army area will play host to the Army's keglers when the bowling championships are decided April 24-30. Tennis will have its days from July 17 to July 23 in the Sixth Army area. Golfers will travel to the Fourth Army for their championship matches to be played August 7 to 13. And, rounding out the year's sport picture, will be the Army's baseball series, September 11 to 17 in the Third Army area.

The specific sites for each of the tournaments will be announced later by the Commanding Generals of the areas in which they are held.

All Army personnel, wherever stationed, on active duty for a period of 90 days or more, are eligible to compete. Only exceptions are professional boxers who will be ineligible in the boxing tournament and United States Military Academy cadets who are ineligible to compete.

Composite teams made up of individuals from each Army area or overseas command at large will be the representatives in tennis, golf, boxing and bowling, while post teams or overseas command championship teams will compete in the baseball and basketball finals.

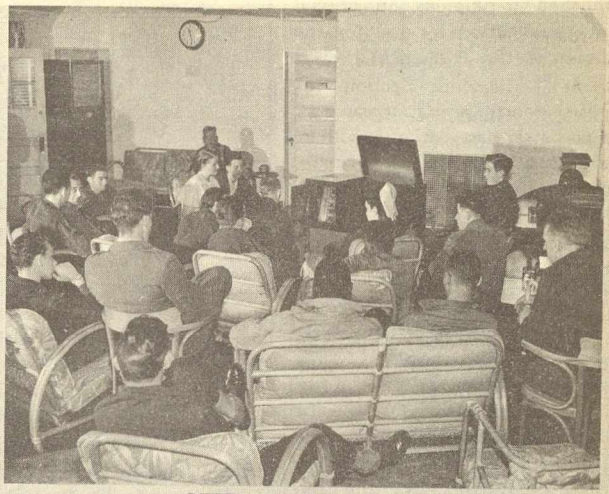
Major General Russell B. Reynolds, Chief of Army Special Services, announced that the proportion of officers and enlisted personnel on teams will be as follows: At least 50 per cent of the contestants will be enlisted personnel in basketball and baseball; in all other sports the teams may consist of officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel in any proportion.

Governing rules of the various tournaments will be those of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, except in boxing when Amateur Athletic Union rules will be followed. In cases where the collegiate association has no rules for a particular sport, the AAU rules or those of the sport's special governing body will be used.

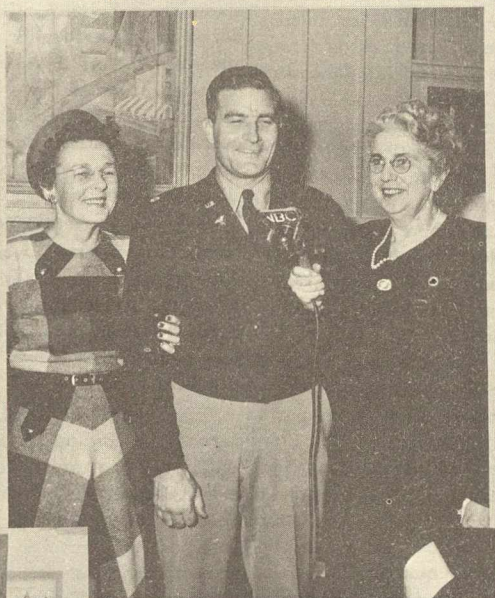
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



MOST ORIGINAL XMAS CORNER
L to R: Howard Pomeroy, veteran; Corporal Leonard McDonald and William G. Jackson, veteran, pose beside the Christmas Corner (ward F-1) that won first prize for being "most original."



LETTERMAN'S NEW TELEVISION SET
Gift from the San Francisco Examiner's War Wounded Fund, on which patients here saw the Shrine Game on New Year's Day.



BROADCAST AT ARMY "Y"
L to R: Mrs. Berta Huber of the "Y," Major James G. Long, MS C, Chief of Physical Reconditioning at LGH, and Jane Lee of NBC, editor of the Women's Magazine of the Air. Major Long was on the program when the show was broadcast recently from the "Y."



A LAVISH HOLIDAY TEA
was provided for the patients on ward S-1 by members of the Southwood Women's Club of South San Francisco. L to R: Miss Evelyn Congdon, head of ARC Arts and Skills Corps; Mrs. Bessie Carlyle, president of the hostess club; Mrs. Marie Devlin, ARC.



JUDGING THE O.T. EXHIBITS
on ward S-1. L to R: Lieuts. Elizabeth Sargent and Violet McCarty, Colonel Emmett Litteral, MC, Chief of NP Service; Captain Earl Moore, MC.

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EDITORIAL

FAULT-FINDING

The kind of fault-finding we mean is not the kind in which the individual finds fault with others, but the more unusual kind in which he takes a look at himself and finds out his own faults.

Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish essayist and historian, is quoted as saying "The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none." This is not to be taken as meaning that we should constantly be brooding on our own shortcomings, but it isn't a bad idea to do a little character stock-taking occasionally.

We don't really need anyone to tell us our faults, we know them quite well, just as we know our virtues. As a matter of fact, we spend a good deal of time in the course of our human relationships in attempting to conceal our failings and to bring out our good points.

If we spent the same amount of time concentrating on correcting our faults, we would no longer need to conceal them, and of course life would be smoother and simpler, too.

It's not so easy to break a habit as to form one, but it can be fun to try.



The Letterman nurses welcomed two newcomers last week—Captain **Mary M. Powley** and First Lieut. **Helen V. Willison.** Both have just completed basic training at the Medical Field Service School at Brooke, and Letterman is their first Army station.

Wedding bells rang last week for 2d Lieut. **Marie D. Gutowski,** ANC, when she became the bride of 2d Lieut. **Lucius M. Coley** of the Army Air Force on 30 December in a ceremony in the Letterman chapel performed by Chaplain (First Lieut.) **Daniel P. Shea.** The maid of honor was First Lieut. **Hendrina Janowski,** ANC, and Captain **Frank Douglas** was best man. A reception was held in the Nurses' Recreation Hall, after which Lieut. and Mrs. Coley left on a brief honeymoon.

First Lieut. **Lucile Burt,** WMSC, of the Physical Therapy staff, saw the New Year in at a New Year's Eve party at her former station, Camp Stoneman.

Both duty personnel and patients were among the guests at the festive open house New Year party last Thursday evening given by First Lieuts. **Julie Skellchock** and **"Beejay" Stevenson** of the dietitians' staff.

A farewell cocktail party was given at the nurses' quarters last week for Lieut. Col. **Frances C. Henchey,** ANC, who has gone to her new station at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She is Chief Nurse of the station hospital there.

It is reported that First Lieut. **Virginia Earpe,** ANC, was looking especially glamorous at a holiday party at the Letterman Officers' Club, wearing a new white evening frock resplendent with "Buttons and Bows."

Those who sought sleep on New Year's Eve at the nurses' quarters were slightly defeated by a merry trio who serenaded them with horns and rattles at midnight and again at 1 a. m., but no one complained, it was too much fun. The serenaders were First Lieuts. **Marguerite Laetsch,, Jessie Morgan** and **Gloria Saffield.**

WAC

The gala holiday season has come to an end, as was evidenced by the over-burdened garbage can outside the WAC barracks. A large number of WACs cleaned house, and the amount of Christmas wrappings, ribbons, cards and decorations proved a little too much for the suffering GI cans.

Pasadena was a popular spot for WAC vacationers during the holidays. Corporal **Leatris Lamascus** has just returned from spending a 10 day leave there, and Sergeants **Ann Benich** and **Evelyn Meadows** enjoyed a three day pass there over New Year's.

Contrary to usual behavior, quite a few members of our detachment spent their holiday off-duty in the barracks. Whether or not it was the lure of the delicious aroma emitting from the ever-busy coffee pot, or the disagreeable weather outside the barracks remains to be judged, pending clearance from the Chamber of Commerce.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis,** barracks sergeant, was presented with a tin horn of New Year's Eve vintage to use in awakening the girls on these cold, cold mornings, when to be awakened at all is a dreadful ordeal.

First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** observed the coming of the New Year with not too much joy—she was sick in quarters, which is one way to start the New Year safely and sanely.

Corporal **Ethel Stepp** has recently returned from Texas where she had a 30 day leave—how's the weather down there, Ethel?

Sergeant **Frances Walker** also had a Christmas leave—it was 12 days for her, down in Los Angeles, no less.

We heartily welcome our newcomer, Sgt. **Mildred Ulisse,** to our detachment. She is currently assigned to the X-ray clinic. She has our best wishes for a happy tour of duty here.

Sergeant **Betty Wugan** has in all probability initiated a new fad among wearers of blue jeans. Betty's jeans are displaying a red flannel patch, right where patches are most likely to be needed, and it is our guess that we'll be seeing more patches of the same hue on other jeans.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 9, January 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Home Again

Colonel William D. Herbert, U. S. Army, retired, who recently underwent an operation here, has recovered completely and left for his home this week.

Colonel Herbert was recalled from retirement in 1940 to take over the office of the Registrar and remained here until he reverted to the retired list in 1945.

Prior to leaving the hospital the colonel was enrolled in the Mystic Order of the Itching Stitch and presented with a certificate of membership.

Visitor

Colonel Arthur R. Gaines, Medical Corps, who recently completed a tour of duty as the commanding officer of the 10th General Hospital in Manila, was a Letterman visitor this week.

Colonel Gaines is under orders to command Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he will succeed Brigadier General Paul H. Streit. General Streit has been assigned to command the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C.

Picked the Winners

Two Lettermanites won prizes on New Year's Day at the "Y," predicting winners in the various Bowl games throughout the country. Recruit Marcel H. Cote of the LGH Medical Detachment tied for second place with Corporal Dave H. Gorfain of Sixth Army, picking 12 out of 16 winners, and Corporal Donald C. Hill, patient on ward 43, was in third place with 11 winners. First place went to Private John P. John of Fort Scott, who had 13 correct.

ON THE SPOT



CARL R. CRAIG
Corporal

Most people enter the Army to see a little of the world or at least of their own country, but Corporal Craig joined so that he could stay in one spot for a while (or so it seems).

Corporal Craig was born in Kirksville, Missouri, but he spent only the first ten years of his life there, then began to travel. He lived in Kansas City, and Chanute, Kansas, then went to Wheatridge, Colorado, and finally came to Burlingame, California.

It was in Burlingame that Corporal Craig enlisted in the Army. His first stop was at Camp Beale, California, where he stayed for only two weeks. From Camp Beale he was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for basic training. After he had completed basic he stayed on in Camp Polk to work as a painter for a short time.

In October of 1946 Carl was transferred to Letterman General Hospital. He was assigned to the Hospital Service Branch and began his stay at Letterman as a ward man. During that period he worked on every ward in the hospital except wards S-1, F-1 and G-3. After nineteen months as a ward man Corporal Craig was made wardmaster on ward 42. He remained on ward 42 until June of 1948. He was then transferred to the Operating Room and has worked there ever since.

Carl is due to be discharged in June of this year. When that time comes he plans to enter the University of Missouri. He intends to follow in the footsteps of his father, who is a doctor, and study medicine while at the University.

Carl seems to have secret ambitions to be a singer (in addition to being a doctor). If you ever happen to be in Burlingame on Sunday be sure to stop in at the Burlingame Baptist Church to hear him sing.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sergeant First Class Harvey A. Chelf, prize patient on Ward 31, will be a participant on the "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" radio program over Station KNBC on Sunday evening, 9 January, from 1900 to 1930. If he answers the "Jackpot" question first he should be a thousand dollars richer at the end of the program. Sgt. Chelf will speak from the ward on special wires to the National Broadcasting network.

Some of the patients who were willing workers on the prize winning "most traditional" Christmas Corner on ward F-2 weren't on hand to get in the picture that was used last week. Among those who deserve bouquets for their work are Master Sergeant **Paul Oesterle,** veteran **Patrick Davenport,** veteran **Richard Williams,** Pfc. **David Nixon,** Corporal **Albert Ebersole,** Sergeant **Irving Bellus,** Pvt. **Charles E. Jaynes** and Pfc.**Richard Romero.** To Captain **Lois R. Dimmerling,** ANC, goes the credit for borrowing from a secret source the blue sheets used for the star-studded sky. Not all hospitals use green linens in surgery, it seems.

Chuck Puckett, veteran patient on ward E-1, was heard to wish wistfully that Zombies might be served on the ward during the holidays, but no one understands why he wanted one—he manages to weave without 'em (in the O. T. Shop, of course). He comes in aboard his wheelchair, props his leg on a GI can, and really weaves, fast and furiously.

Pfc. **Ira Jewell,** former Letterman patient, was discharged some time ago from the hospital and from the Army. But the longing for Army life seized him, he re-enlisted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and once again he is a patient here, this time on ward C-1.

Corporal **Murphy Clery** of the Letterman detachment is now getting a patient's-eye view of the hospital from a bed on ward D-1. Murphy had the misfortune to break his leg on Christmas Eve, but he's living up to the tradition of his Irish "front name" and is still regarding the world with a twinkle in his eye.

Master Sergeant **Daniel F. Nugent,** now assigned to Sixth Army, is a newcomer among the patients on ward F-2, but is rapidly getting acquainted. He has been in the Army for eight years, and spent almost half that time (42 months) as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Pvt. **Charles Jaynes,** patient on ward F-2, who is a member of the Fort Mason band when he's not in the hospital, is bringing his drums over and getting some of his Fort Mason pals to make up a musical combo to play for the forthcoming birthday dance to be held at the Army "Y" on February 12.

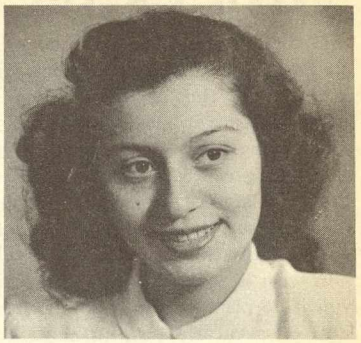
Captain **Paul Danielson,** longtime Letterman patient who thought he said a final farewell to LGH when he left to return to civilian life a couple of months ago, injured his leg in a fall last week and is again a patient here. He is on ward D-1. His friends here are sorry he's in the hospital again, but glad to see him.

Master Sergeant **John Bays,** who was a bed-patient for many months, is well enonugh to be up in a wheelchair and is very happy with the progress he is making toward recovery. He is now a patient on ward E-2.

To Sergeant **John Bradvica,** patient on ward 31, goes a vote of thanks from Mrs. **Berta "Mom" Huber** of the Army "Y," for his help in getting out the GSO bulletins.

Ward F-2 now boasts two patients who remember how things were around here 50 years ago. **Herbert Granger** and **Charles Kirwan,** both veterans of the Spanish-American war, can enjoy trading reminiscences of the time they were stationed here in 1898 on their way to Manila. Kirwan is known as the wit of the ward, and has a persuasive way with him besides, meaning that he wheedled a pair of bright-red slippers out of Corporal **Albert Ebersole,** or rather, Ebersole forced them on him —he had two pairs and needed only one. Granger's needs are more complicated. He may or may not have heard of the Spike Jones' record "All I Want for Christmas Are My Two Front Teeth," but anyway his refrain is "All I Want for New Year's Is a Whole New Set!"

DO YOU KNOW?



Miss OLGA RADICH
Training Branch

Miss Olga Radich, who is more used to answering to the nickname of "Rad" than to her romantic first name, is secretary to Captain Leon Tayloe of the Training Branch here. In addition to her stenographic duties she does general clerical work, and she says she finds her job most interesting. From what we hear, the people here at Letterman find Olga most interesting, too, and she enjoys a well-deserved popularity with the personnel of the hospital.

She was born in Mexicali, Mexico, but grew up and went to school right here in San Francisco. After her graduation from St. Paul's High School last June she promptly became a Letterman employee and was assigned to her present job. Olga's mother is Spanish and her father is from Yugo-Slavia, and as the camera points out above, this nationality combination spells glamor.

On the serious side Olga is interested in literature and religion, and says she enjoys arguing about both subjects. She expects to have a well-worn dictionary as a result of working for Captain Tayloe. "I have to be up on my toes as regards English, but the more new words I learn the better I like it," she reports. Her favorite reading (in addition to the dictionary, of course) is biography and fiction.

In her leisure time Olga likes dancing, bowling, swimming and roller-skating. She is very fond of dogs, and was happily surprised on Christmas with the gift of a black cocker spaniel puppy. "My sister calls him 'Sinful,' but I call him 'Tubby,' and so far it looks as though he'll answer to either," says Olga.

CIVIL CIRCLES

William Dietz, who had been a civilian employee in the Letterman laundry for the past seven years and had also worked in the laundry here during World War 1, celebrated the ending of 1948 by retiring to a life of leisure. His friends at the laundry surprised him last week with a farewell party and presented him with a handsome traveling bag which he plans to use when he goes East on a vacation trip in May. Mr. Dietz wants to thank his many friends here for their kindness, and particularly for the happy surprise party on his last day of duty.

....**Louise Smith,** Sick and Wounded office, returned last week from 30 days leave, which she spent in Kansas City, Kansas, with her father and she said she enjoyed a nice, quiet vacation.

Bernice Blake also returned to her duties in the Sergeant Major's office after a few weeks' leave spent at home here in San Francisco.

Ann Gaffney of Civilian Personnel office had hoped to spend a white Christmas during her leave in Portland, Oregon, but to her disappointment it didn't start snowing until her last day there, but she says she enjoyed seeing the snow during her trip back to San Francisco.

Elsie Gardiner, formerly in the Registrar's office, visited with friends at Letterman last week and said she plans to make her home in San Francisco again.

Phyllis Solon, formerly of Military Personnel, is the proud mother of a baby girl and since the baby was born on Christmas Day Phyllis will name her "Holly."

Mrs. Frances Parry of the Laundry revealed to her friends the marriage of her daughter, **Joan,** to **William Berry,** which took place in St. Thomas the Apostle's Church in San Francisco on 7 December. The bride wore an ice blue dress with hat to match. Mrs. Parry says she is now finding out what it is to be a mother-in-law. And no jokes, please.

Marjorie Granger of the Detachment of Patients was involved in an automobile accident during a three-day holiday trip she took with her husband to San Diego. She suffered a face cut which required eight stitches, but all is well now.

"PARTIES, PARADES AND PEOPLE" ARE HER PREDOMINANT PREFERENCES



Captain LILY W. NEAL, ANC
They also call her "Peggy," and she likes that.

During her five years in the Army Nurse Corps Captain Lily Neal has served in nine States as well as in the ETO, and when she had an opportunity to request a particular station, she asked to be assigned to Letterman. In November she completed two years of duty here, and she says she likes it better every day.

Captain Neal was born in Springfield, Mo., and attended Southwestern Missouri State College there, majoring in mathematics and receiving her B. S. degree in education. She taught math in a Springfield high school for three years, then became interested in nursing, and went to Washington University School of Nursing at St. Louis, Mo., where she earned another B. S. degree. After a year at St. Louis Maternity Hospital, where she was supervisor of the birth room, she moved to Detroit, Mich., became director of nursing education at Womens' Hospital, and gave special lectures on nursing at Wayne University.

She came into the Army in 1943 and spent ten months at Camp Ellis, Ill., before going overseas in July 1944. She was with the 123d General Hospital in England for nearly a year, then went to France and was stationed at Marseilles with the 70th Station Hospital. Shortly after V-E Day she volunteered for duty in the Pacific. On V-J Day she was in Panama en route to Manila, and since hostilities had ceased, the ship was re-directed and returned to New York. Captain Neal went to Camp Sibert, Ala. for reassignment, was briefly at Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, then went to Nichols General Hospital in Louisville, Ky., as cadet nurse director, remaining there until the hospital closed in March 1946.

After a brief tour of duty at Newton D. Baker General Hospital in Martinsburg, West Va., she was assigned to the Personnel Research Section, AGO, in New York City, where she worked on the screening tests for the Regular Army Nurse Corps. She spent a month at Letterman on a field trip, and later asked to be assigned here. She was in the Training Branch for a time, but has been supervisor in the Chief Nurse's office since July 1947.

Captain Neal particularly enjoys administrative work, and says that one of her chief pleasures of the past year was the two-week workshop in nursing supervision which she attended at the University of Pittsburgh in September. On the lighter side, her preferences are for "parties, parades and people."



To Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Gerald Lindecker, a girl, **Carole Anita,** born 19 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Melvin O. Johnson, a girl, **Barbara Ann,** born 20 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John B. White, a girl, **Linda Jean,** born 20 December.

To Major and Mrs. Lewis A. Smith, a girl, **Trudi Ann,** born 20 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert P. Caffrey, a boy, **Ronald Peter,** born 20 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Morris Label, a boy, **Roger Duane,** born 21 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond E. Smith, a boy, **Carl Dennis,** born 22 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Royal H. Sorsensen, a boy, **Steven Rollins,** born 22 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Paul A. Walker, a boy, **Paul Jerald,** born 22 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert E. Woodward, a girl, **Ruth Gayle,** born 23 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Narciso D. Villareal, a girl, **Sandra Louise,** born 23 December.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Miquel G. Del Rio, a girl, **Elizabeth Ann,** born 23 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. John K. Williams, a boy, **John Kenneth,** born 23 December.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eugene Venters, a boy, **Richard Eugene,** born 24 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, a boy, **Henry Charles,** born 24 December.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Daniel H. Deneen, a girl, **Janice Anne,** born 24 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William W. Murray, a boy, **Gary Hudson,** born 24 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations to former First Sergeant **Willis Crump,** now WOJG Crump, who began the New Year by appearing for duty wearing his warrant officer bars. Mr. Crump was one of those whose name appeared on the first list of Regular Army warrant officers made public recently by the Department of the Army.

Pfc. **James Faucett** of Special Services is in fine shape after the holidays, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of his automobile. About an hour after the horns which heralded the coming of the New Year had ceased blowing Jim's car was hit broadside by a bus. Although no one was injured, the car is now worth about $200 less than it was last year.

Sergeant **Edward Sans** of Troop I & E office spent New Year's Eve in Sacramento with his parents. He says the evening was passed in a quiet and orderly manner without even drinking a toast. Actually he spent part of the evening in a movie with his 'two little brothers." No comment!

Corporal **Woodrow Wilson** and his wife **Stella** (formerly of the WAC detachment) are the proud parents of a son born at Letterman on Christmas Eve, and it seems that Corporal Wilson actually predicted the day and the hour that the baby would be born. Looks like we have a foreteller of the future in our midst.

Corporal **Harold Tucker** of Special Services, who runs the films at the Crissy Theatre, has begun to count the days. He is not due for discharge until 15 May, but already he has started to cross off days on his calendar. He says the only reason he is anxious to get out of the Army is that he wants to get away from this California weather.

Pfc. **William Gambee** is still trying to get rid of the cookies and candy he received for Christmas. It keeps him busy picking up the boxes every few minutes and passing them around the barracks. For a while he was even waking people up in the middle of the night and forcing goodies on them. In some cases his generosity wasn't exactly appreciated by the would-be snorers.

IF YOU WANT TO DO ANY DUELING, BE SURE TO CONSULT BILL O'BRIEN



WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN
Records Administrator at Letterman

From Private to Corporal to Staff Sergeant to civilian is the way the Letterman record of William G. O'-Brien (he prefers to be called Bill) reads, and since he has been a Lettermanite both in and out of uniform he really knows all sides of the LGH picture, more especially since he is Records Analyst and Records Administrator for the hospital. In that capacity he is prepared to furnish, at a moment's notice, any of the hospital records as needed, and he has recently acquired the "additional duty" of instituting approved microfilming projects in the newly-established Microfilm Section here.

Bill was born in San Francisco, and is a graduate of San Francisco State College, where he majored in history, with government and English as his minors. He also took courses in Spanish at the College Francais. After he left school he was with a firm of importers and exporters who dealt in gold, silver platinum and precious stones. Even though he was assistant manager of the firm when he came into the Army in August 1942 he didn't acquire any samples of their wares, he says.

He began his Army life at the Presidio of Monterey, and after a few days there reported to Letterman for station. He was in the Army for 42 months and was at Letterman all during that time. During most of that time he was assigned to duty in the permanent record room, and it was said of him that he "made filing a simple procedure instead of a headache." When he received his discharge in February 1946 he became a civilian employee and was made assistant records administrator. The following July he was appointed Records Analyst and Administrator.

While he was at San Francisco State Bill became interested in fencing, and as a result became one of the top fencers on the Pacific Coast. While he was stationed here during the war he was fencing instructor for the 771st Military Police company at the Presidio, and also had fencing classes for the Letterman nurses. He studied fencing under Hans Halberstadt, international fencing champion, and was on the same team with Halberstadt in the Northern California and Pacific Coast tournaments. They were winners in the former and runner-up in the latter. Bill won 42 medals by winning or placing in official competition. He is equally adept with all three fencing weapons, the foil, saber and epee.

Bill is a bachelor, and as regards the feminine sex you might say he is "en garde."

Answering the Veterans Queries

The 12 Veterans Administration hospitals in VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona and Nevada) now have 26 full-time chaplains on duty serving nearly 10,000 patients and 3,500 aged veterans residing in VA domiciliary homes.

The VA Chaplaincy Service was organized in June, 1945. The chaplains all served in the Army, Navy or Air Forces in World War II, and represent the Roman Catholic, Portestant and Jewish faiths.

In addition to conducting regular church services the duties of the chaplains include serving the families of seriously ill or deceased veterans, burial services, instructional classes and special work performed at the request of patient's doctor.

VA Branch 12 hospitals also employ 23 part-time chaplains to serve patients of faiths not represented in sufficiently large numbers to warrant a full-time chaplain.

At all VA hospitals there is a chaplain on call at any hour of the day or night to serve veterans or their families.

In one typical month in Branch 12 hospitals the chaplains, in addition to conducting 436 regular church services, made 343 emergency night calls, handled 22,095 special cases at the request of the patient's doctor or nurse and made 38,356 ward visits.

Question: I wish to purchase an automobile house trailer that I can use during my vacation. Will Veterans Administration guarantee a loan for the purchase?

Answer: No. Loans for pleasure purposes cannot be guaranteed or insured by Veterans Administration.

Question: I would like to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance without letting the old beneficiary know about it. May I do this?

Answer: Yes. A veteran may change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of his National Service Life Insurance at any time without their knowledge or consent.

Complete Service Pay Revision Recommended

All Services Agree On Hook Report Major Points

Washington (AFPS)—The three services are in "general agreement" on the major provisions of the Hook Commission's recommendations for general pay increases in Service pay, and Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal has stated that he expects to forward to the Budget Bureau draft legislation which will "certainly embody its principal features," it was recently reported.

The proposed revision of the military pay structure was designed to give most Service personnel pay increases to bring them in line with comparable civilian responsibilities. It was emphasized, however, that these are merely proposals and must be acted upon by various agencies before any changes are forthcoming.

Responsibility was the paramount factor in determining pay adjustments. Longevity was given less importance.

Some of the Increases

First three-graders under the proposed plan would average about a one-third increase over present pay and they would receive allowances comparable to those provided for commissioned officers.

"Fogie" increases would be made on a flat scale every two years for the first 18 years, and every four years thereafter, instead of the present rate of five per cent for every three-year "hitch."

Grade seven soldiers should not receive increases, the Commission recommended, because (a) cost of living is taken care of by free clothing, shelter and food; (b) automatic promotion at the end of four months; (c) the $75 a month pay along with other benefits is better than comparable pay in industry and future opportunities are more promising.

Recommend Tax Exemption

Pending Congressional action on the proposed plan, the Commission recommended that the income tax exemption for military personnel, which expired December 31, 1948, be extended.

Selected comparisons between present pay and proposed increases are shown in tabular form elsewhere on this page.

The Hook Commission's exhaustive, year-long study was the first comprehensive survey of military pay made since 1908. "During the 40-year interval," the report states, "the concept and pattern of pay in general have undergone radical changes," with certain inequities arising as a result.

In the Commission's effort to revamp pay schedules along more equitable lines, it sought the representative views within the Services themselves as well as in private industry so that a comparable basis of comparison between the two might be reached.

Some "Special Pays" Retained

The Commission would abolish family allowances, but allowances for first three-graders would be increased and extended to include fourth-graders with as much as seven years' service. Enlistment allowances would compensate for future, not past, service.

Elimination of all special pay, including so-called "fringe" pay which have been added to basic pay from time to time because of a generally inadequate pay rate, was recommended in the report. Three types of special pay, however, would be retained. They are: (1) hazardous duty, (2) sea and foreign duty (for enlisted personnel only), and (3) inducement pay for doctors, surgeons and dentists (except internes) on active duty.

About the same retirement, disability and allied benefits for officers and enlisted men, Reservists as well as those on active duty, are recommended. At the present there are no disability benefits for enlisted men with less than 20 years service, nor are there any disability benefits for Reserves in training, except through the Veterans Administration, and no death benefits except through the VA and National Service Life Insurance.

Death Benefits

Free death benefits up to $10,000 are recommended for all active and retired personnel to replace the present death gratuity of six months pay and National Service Life Insurance. Repeal of NSLI, except for policies then in effect, is recommended if and when a new pay bill is enacted.

In the matter of retirement, the Commission recommends that an officer have the right to retire, if he has 20 years or more of service, after he has reached the age of 60 and the right to request retirement at any age after he has served for 30 years. The same provisions apply to enlisted personnel except that the latter have the right to retire at 50 with 20 years of service.

Disability provisions, applying to active and inactive personnel, relate disability to years of service. A retirement of 30 per cent disability, under VA standards, is recommended for retirement pay. Distinction is also made between disability resulting from active or inactive training and disability sustained in normal civilian activities. No such difference presently exists.

Some Comparisons Between Proposed and Present Pay Rates

Rank	Yrs. Serv.	Basic Pay			Base Pay & Allowances*		
		Present	Proposed	Increase	Present	Proposed	Increase
M/Gen	30	733.33	1,005.00	271.67	895.33	1,200.00	304.67
B/Gen	30	550.00	870.00	320.00	712.00	1,065.00	353.00
Col	27	531.67	705.00	173.33	693.67	870.00	176.33
Lt/Col	22	433.12	585.00	151.88	616.12	750.00	133.88
Maj	16	343.75	480.00	136.25	511.75	630.00	118.25
Capt	10	264.50	390.00	125.50	396.50	525.00	128.50
1/Lt	5	210.00	292.50	82.50	327.00	420.00	93.00
2/Lt	1	180.00	225.00	45.00	282.00	345.00	63.00
War/O							
Gr. 1	28	398.75	465.00	66.25	550.00	615.00	65.00
Gr. 2	22	310.50	375.00	64.50	442.50	510.00	67.50
Gr. 3	16	262.50	300.00	37.50	379.50	427.50	48.00
Gr. 4	12	216.00	247.50	31.50	318.00	367.50	49.50
EM							
Grade							
1	20	214.50	270.00	55.50	283.50	369.00	85.50
2	13	162.00	210.00	48.00	231.00	309.00	78.00
3	10	132.25	180.00	47.75	201.25	279.00	77.75
4	5	105.00	135.00	30.00	105.00	135.00	30.00
5	1½	90.00	97.50	7.50	90.00	97.50	7.50
6	½	80.00	82.50	2.50	80.00	82.50	2.50
7	0	75.00	75.00	—	75.00	75.00	——

*Includes basic allowances for dependents for all officers and warrant officers and enlisted personnel in grades one to three.

Library

In the scramble to read the best sellers we sometimes overlook good books meriting a reading. Here are some recent ones you might have missed:

Shaw, Lau. Quest for Love of Lao Lee. A novel of modern Peiping and the middle class government workers of China. An interpretation by an Oriental which has charm and good writing, and reveals the soul of the East as no Occidental writer can do.

Du Nouy, Lecomte. Road to Reason. Completed just before the death of the author of "Human Destiny." A survey of developments in modern science, especially atomic physics. Concerned with the pattern of evidence for the existence of a Supreme Being.

Lavender, David. The Big Divide. From Indians, thru railroad building, to modern tourists in this history of the southern Rocky Mountains. Full of fascinating anecdotes and good pictures.

Lamb, Harold. The City and the Tsar. Background of the Russians for those who want to understand them today. Moscow from the mid-17th to mid-18th centuries and of Peter the Great who was pulled by Both East and West.

Mann, Thomas. Doctor Faustus. If you like long-hair music and want a keen analysis of Germany told in the story of a modern Faustus, you'll be amply repaid in reading this long novel.

Kimbrough, Emily. It Gives Me Great Pleasure. Hilarious account of her tours as a lady lecturer. Illustrated by Helen Hokinson, famous for her cartoons of "The Girls."

Saroyan, William. The Saroyan Special. Nearly 100 short stories written in the past decade. Selected by him from his published books, some of which are out of print.

Irey, Elmer L. The Tax Dodgers. A salty account of the most sensational cases of the T-men. Taken from the memoirs of the former chief of the Enforcement Branch of the U.S. Treasury. No punches pulled in relating the cases of Capone, Hauptmann, Huey Long, Pendergast, and others.

Hedrick, U. P. Land of the Crooked Tree. The Jesuit missionaries named it L'Arbre Croche. In 1874 it was opened for homesteading and this book is the story, half biography, of a boy's life in those pioneering days in Michigan. If you like nature you'll particularly enjoy the descriptions.

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Dividend Bonanza Ahead for Holders Of NSL Insurance

(AFPS)—Holders of National Service Life Insurance policies may start drawing their dividend bonanzas, ranging from a few dollars to several hundred, sometime in August, a spokesman for the Veterans Administration recently announced.

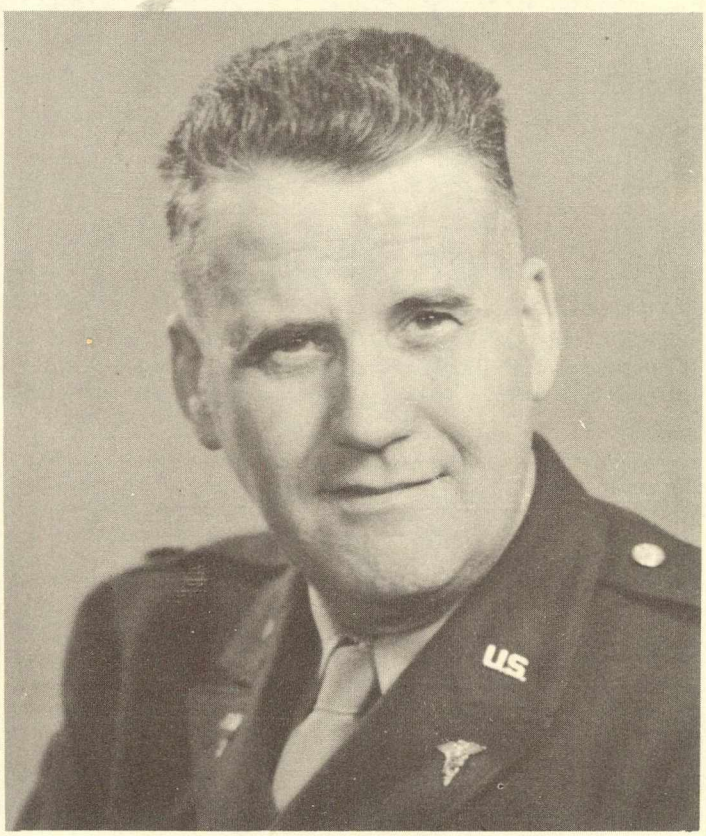
Unofficial estimates indicate that about 16 million veterans may participate in the $2 billion fund set aside for payment of the dividends. Holders of the minimum $1,000 policies, who kept them in force for at least three months will receive but small amounts, the VA said, but men who have held the $10,000 policies from the beginning will receive an eight-year accumulation of dividends which may amount to "several hundred dollars."

While a VA official said that the dividend payments would not start until August at the earliest, he added that "we're going to make every effort to have payments flowing by the end of the year."

Refunds will be figured in terms of number of cents per thousand dollars of insurance for each month that each policy was in force. The VA is still working out the formulas by which the final payments may be made.

The surplus from which the dividends are to be paid accumulated from gains and savings on premium payments. A large part of the fund developed from the fact that the mortality rate among veterans has been considerably lower than was estimated before the war when premium rates were established.

The VA has campaigned to encourage veterans to convert their term policies to any one of the six other types, including endowments and so-called "retirement" policies, redeemable at age 60 or 65.



Major THOMAS R. JONES, MSC
Who left this week for overseas duty in Germany.

Major Jones Leaves for Germany

Off for a closer view of the "airlift," Major Thomas R. Jones left us this week en route to a new station in Germany. He has completed two years as the Mess Administrator here and is credited with a very workmanlike job in his department.

The major was born in Minnesota but spent much of his life in Texas with the result he has completely lost the accent in favor of a whisper of a drawl. He came into the regular Army in 1923 by enlistment in the Medical Department with station at Fort Sam Houston where he remained until commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps in 1933.

As an officer he served at Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas, and followed that with a three year tour in the Philippines—on the Island of Corregidor, then back to the mainland for a four year sojourn at Carlisle Barracks. With the "shooting war" in progress he went overseas to France and Germany for two years before coming back as a patient.

March of Dimes Drive Opens Today At Letterman

The March of Dimes drive to finance the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis during 1949 opened here at Letterman today, and will continue until the end of the month. No quota has been set for the hosiptal, but it is hoped that military and civilian personnel will be as generous with their contributions this year as they have been in the past.

Milk bottles will be set up on a table on the ramp near the Main PX, with one bottle for each state, and personnel can make contributions for their native state if they wish to take part in the state competition that will be going on during the drive. A collection booth will be placed in the Recreation Center during the period of the drive.

The 1948 infantile paralysis epidemic marks the sixth consecutive year of unusually high incidence of the disease in the United States. As of the report for last September, with 12,669 cases reported, the toll had already well exceeded the normal average for any entire year's period. In the five-year period 1943-1947 inclusive, more than 80,000 cases were recorded, an increase of 150 per cent over the previous five-year total.

Dimes and dollars contributed to the annual March of Dimes are divided equally between the National Foundation and its 2796 chapters in the U. S. The chapters retain half the money to provide care and treatment for infantile paralysis patients in their own locality. The other half goes to national headquarters to finance a nation-wide program of research, education and emergency epidemic aid.

The Army Program for the Psychiatric Social Worker

In the late summer of 1941, perhaps for the first time in history, the United States Army assigned one of its members, a psychiatric social worker, to a psychiatric social work assignment. From this initial recognition of the profession, the program grew during the war to include well over 1,000 professional men and women—enlisted and commissioned—at its peak in the fall of 1945.

The early pioneers of this very realistic and sudden development in the field, and those who followed them, irrefutably proved the value of social case work to the military neuropsychiatric program. Although most of them have returned to civilian life, the trail they blazed stands as a guide to the Army's peacetime planning. Their devotion to their assigned duties and the respect which they established for their profession among their fellow workers has assured the profession a permanent place in the Surgeon General's future program of medical care for the Army.

The Army's present psychiatric social work program consists primarily of (1) providing professional service to a peacetime Army and (2) the building up of a strong reserve group for immediate employment in case of an emergency.

In the Army, the psychiatric social worker is an integral member of the neuro-sychiatric team, working closely with the clinical psychologist, the psychiatric nurse, and the neuropsychiatrist, who supervises the team. He contributes to the total neuropsychiatric service the particular skills of his discipline, which he coordinates with the other disciplines as applied by his fellow team members. This team concept was thoroughly tested during the war. Its characteristic of "combined effort" has been exceptionally adaptable to the Army setting.

Peacetime assignments of the neuropsychiatric teams are to the NP Services of general hospitals, the mental hygiene clinics in training centers, and to the psychiatry and sociology divisions of disciplinary barracks, all in the U. S. In the hospital program, assignments are also available overseas.

Here at Letterman there are at present two commissioned psychiatric social workers—Major John Clancy, MSC, and 2d Lieutenant Pamela Robertson, MSC (WAC)—three civilians, Mr. Bernard Freeman, Mrs. Kay Lang and Miss Nancy Cook, and one enlisted man, who has received technicians' training in the field of social work—Private Wallace Calhoun.



THE CHIEF OF THE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SERVICE
Colonel Emmett B. Litteral discusses the value of psychiatric social service in the treatment of patients with the chief chaplain.

Major Clancy came to Letterman recently from Walter Reed General Hospital. He received his training in his specialty at Boston College School of Social Work. During the war he spent 42 months overseas with the Red Cross. He is assigned here to ward 41.

Lieutenant Robertson, who is a graduate of Tulane University, has done social work for a number of years. She has been in the Army for the past four years, and before coming to Letterman a year ago, served at Walter Reed and at Moore General Hospitals, as well as at the U. S. Army General Hospital, Camp Butner, N. C. Lieutenant Robertson works with the patients on ward S-1.

The psychiatric social worker strives to help the patient overcome environmental difficulties, if they are situational; talks over his problems with him, and when he is ready for discharge or return to duty, discusses with him and makes suggestions for his plans for the future. The worker also participates in individual and group therapy, under the direction of the psychiatrist.

In addition to case work services to the neuropsychiatric patients, the Army psychiatric social worker is charged with mental hygiene and therapeutic functions. He also participates in research, cooperating with the rest of his team. In order that the Army social work program keep abreast of the newest developments in the field, the Surgeon General has arranged for civilian expert consultants to work closely with the individual Army installations.

Despite the fact that currently military social work is psychiatric, it is felt that good grounding in generic case work qualifies the individual for the military program. The minimum requirement for the Army psychiatric social worker is a Master's Degree in social work from an approved school. Experience amounting to a year or two of supervised case work is desirable but not essential.

Commissions in the Organized Reserve Corps are available to all who qualify educationally and physically. Prior military service is not required. The rank of individual commissions will be commensurate with professional experience and training.

Those who have their Master's degree, without experience, may be commissioned initially in the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Allied Science Section of the Medical Service Corps Reserve. After commission in the reserve program the individual may make application for extended active duty as a reserve officer. He may continue his service as a Reserve Officer or may make application for integration into the Regular Army if he is under 30 years of age at the time of application. Announcement of reserve commissions for women in this field in the WAC will be made in the near future.

For those at present in the Army there is a two-fold training program under way: (1) graduate training at civilian institutions for qualified Regular Army officers, and (2) subprofessional training for officers and enlisted men in the Army's Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

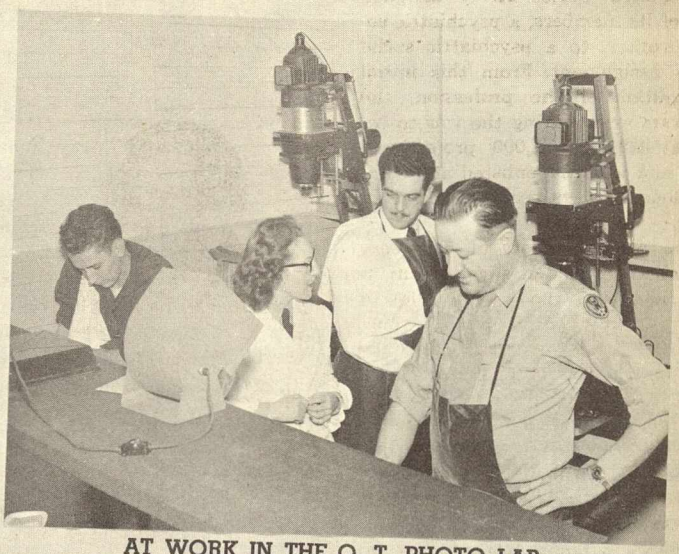
The former was inaugurated more than a year ago, and at present officers are enrolled in the graduate schools of social work of Columbia University, Pennsylvania University, Chicago University and Washington University (St. Louis). Each officer majors in psychiatric social work and pursues the regular catalog course offered by the respective school. All expenses are paid by the Army and during his assignment to the school the officer continues to receive his normal pay and allowances.

To help meet temporarily the critical need for trained social workers, the Army has adopted the "case aide" plan which is receiving increasing recognition in public and private agencies. Under this plan selected officers and enlisted men are being trained on a sub-professional level in a special and intensive course offered by the Army as a part of the general training program of the Medical Department. Officers who have a college degree and have demonstrated an interest in working with people are considered for 20 weeks of training in the fundamentals of military psychiatric social work. Carefully selected enlisted men, with the minimum of four years of high school, are offered a 16-week special course. In both courses, technical subjects are taught by professional personnel—psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses and social workers — while orientation to related resources and areas is presented by representatives directly from the respective field.

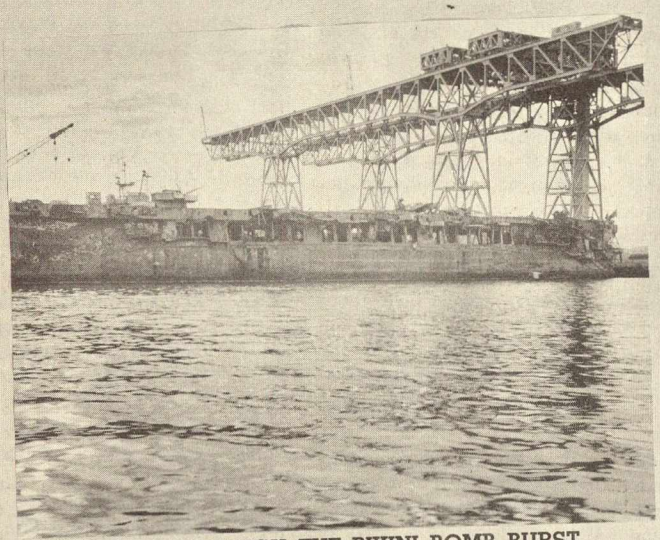
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



WAC FOURSOME IN THE LGH LIBRARY
They read and relax in the recreational library. L to R: Cpl. Marilouise Damm, Sgt. First Class Myrtle Gragg, Sgt. Betty Stahl, Pfc. Lorraine Fincher.



AT WORK IN THE O. T. PHOTO LAB
Sgt Sally Craig and three of the patients who are acquiring photographic knowledge here at LGH. L to R: Pfc. Tony Guassardo, ward 42; Sgt. Craig, S-Sgt. Chas. Werry, ward 30; CWO Alfred Ortize, ward A-2.



WENT THROUGH THE BIKINI BOMB BURST
S-Sgt. Chas. Werry, patient on ward 30, took this picture at Hunter's Point, showing the aircraft carrier "Independence" which was damaged in the Bikini bomb burst.



TONY MARTIN SANG
at the Recreation Center for Letterman patients last week, and got an enthusiastic reception from a capacity crowd. He has just concluded an engagement at the Fairmont Hotel

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EDITORIAL

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes drive, by means of which the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been financed during its eleven years of existence, began nationally and here at Letterman this week.

Very few families can finance an extended case of polio treatment, which costs from $1000 to $2500 and more per patient. There are three specific reasons for contributors this year to make their donations as generous as possible.

First, there are more patients to be cared for, due to the increase in the number of polio cases;

Second, the cost of polio care has risen. In 1938 there were two primary medical experts serving infantile paralysis patients: the physician and the nurse. Today, five new members have been added to the medical team: the pediatrician, orthopedist, physical therapist, medical social worker and psychological consultant.

Third, the dollar does not go as far today as it used to. While last year's March of Dimes resulted in a net total almost 4% higher than that of 1947, hospital costs for the same period rose 10-12%.



Two members of the Occupational Therapy staff were welcomed to Letterman last week when they arrived here from Texas after completing basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center. They are Captain **Alice Milne,** WMSC, whose home is in LeGrand, Oregon, and 2d Lieut. **Mary Ellen Pomeroy,** WMSC, of Tucson, Arizona. Captain Milne was formerly stationed at Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii.

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First Lieut. **Ida Farris,** WMSC, of the dietitians staff is enjoying a 30-day leave at her home in Mountain View, Oklahoma. She drove home in her new Pontiac. Before leaving California, she attended the Rose Bowl game with a friend who recently returned from overseas duty, Major **Richard Allen.**

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Major **Marie L. Pace,** ANC, has retired after completing 30 years service in the Army Nurse Corps, and has returned to her home in South Hill, Virginia, where four generations of her family have made their home.

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A welcome goes this week to two newcomers on the Letterman ANC staff—First Lieut. **Kathleen M. Dean,** recently returned from Trieste, Italy, and First Lieut. **Lucille T. Conn,** who came to LGH from Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver.

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First Lieut. **Edith A. Hill,** WMSC, of the dietitians staff, left last week to attend a course in mess administration at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She will be gone three weeks.

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First Lieut. **Mary P. Shore,** ANC, is currently enjoying a 15-day leave at her home in Albuquerque, New Mexico and it looks as though, climatically speaking, she chose just the proper time for it.

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Second Lieuts. **Pat Marcy** and **Barbara Stockholm** of Occupational Therapy left last week for Brooke Army Medical Center, where they will take the two-month basic training course.

WAC

Many an overcoat has been retrieved from the dark recesses of duffel bags since the cold wave has hit San Francisco. Some of the girls have threatened to don their red flannels, but as yet (as far as we can determine) the word hasn't been put to action.

Sergeant **Jane "Tommy" Jones** met her sister at the airport Sunday and had time enough for a few hours of visiting with "big sister, Sarah Margaret" before she returned to Los Angeles. Sarah has just returned from Honolulu, and from her reports, it was quite an effort on her part to leave the magic land of Hawaii.

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** left last week to spend part of her leave with friends in Oregon.

Speedy recovery wishes are extended to Sergeant **Betty Stahl,** who has been recently hospitalized.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher** has recently returned from her leave in Los Angeles.

Corporal **Fay Lavagnino** is also among those who have returned to the fold in the past week. She is fortunate enough to have been in Hawaii, enjoying the tropical weather and atmosphere. She brought back some interesting souvenirs as proof of her wonderful vacation.

Corporal **Emma Ghormley,** too, has returned, but from a not-so-tropical clime. Her geographical location at time of leave was Ohio, Washington, D. C., and points east and north. Need more be said about climate?

Those WACs who are car owners have been rather concerned about the cold weather recently. As a result, draining of radiators was the order of the day when weather forecasts predicted below freezing temperatures.

Private First Class **Lorraine Fincher** left from Fairfield a week ago Tuesday on an emergency leave. She travelled by air to Massachusetts to be with her grandmother, who is seriously ill.

Corporal **"Hank" Zuzga** left Wednesday on her 30-day re-enlistment leave. Her point of destination was home in Chicago.

Captain **Minnie Young** returned from leave last week. Her vacation was spent in her home state, Oklahoma.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 16, January 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

To Alaska

Chaplain (1st Lieut.) Daniel P. Shea, who has been the assistant post chaplain here since March of last year, left this week en route to Fort Lawton where he will embark for his new station in Alaska.

During his tour at Letterman Father Shea made many friends who regret to see him leave and he takes with him the best wishes of the command for a pleasant tour of duty in the land of the tundra.

Special Courses

Mrs. Lillian Wheeler, deputy field director of the Red Cross at Letterman, left last week for Washington, D. C., where she will take a four-week training course in inter-personal relations at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Another member of the LGH Red Cross staff, Mrs. Rose Randall, is at Brooke Army Medical Center for a four-week refresher course in medical case work.

Big Business

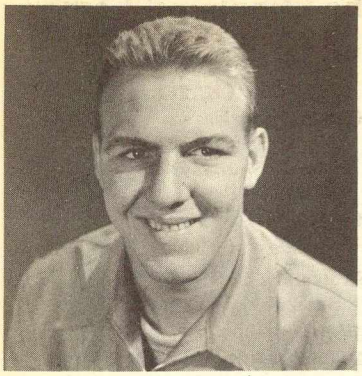
Post Office receipts again climbed to a record in December over the same month in 1947, Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa announced today.

Stamp sales were $3,103,608.78, an increase of 45.9 per cent over 1947.

There were 56,280,900 letters which originated in the San Francisco Post Office, an increase of 13.5 per cent over the same month last year and 2,050,009 parcels were processed, an increase of 5.1 per cent, Mr. Fixa said.

The Postmaster also pointed out that during the month of December 1948, 1,891,747 pieces of parcel post and 40,478,200 letters arrived in the San Francisco Post Office from other post offices for local delivery.

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM T. GIBSON
Private First Class

Although on Army records his name is Pfc. William Thomas Gibson, the first two names have somehow undergone a curious metamorphosis, and everybody calls him "Chuck." He is currently assigned to duty in Physical Reconditioning Section, and divides his time between the bowling alley and the gym.

Chuck likes to conceal the fact that he was born in Blakely, Georgia, preferring to be known as a native of Port Saint Joe, Florida, where he grew up and went to school. But those who can tell the difference between a Georgia and a Florida accent claim that Chuck's terrific southern drawl proves that he lived in Georgia long eonugh to acquire it. As to Port Saint Joe, when Chuck is at home it has a population of 851, though in the course of his conservation an extra zero sometimes creeps in and it sounds more like 8051.

After his graduation from high school Chuck worked for a time in a sawmill and then as a truck driver (he calls it a "truck control technician"), then enlisted in the Army in June 1947. He was among those selected to have six months basic training with the Universal Military Training experimental unit. Chuck reports that during basic he learned to fire every gun from a 45 automatic to a recoil-less 75. Between times the recruits worked to make the barracks homelike. While still in basic, Chuck was promoted to corporal.

His next stop after basic was Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he had an eight-week course of training in physical reconditioning work. In March of 1948 he came to Letterman and his present assignment.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

As a result of his appearance on the "Take It or Leave It" radio program last Sunday evening, Sergeant First Class **Harvey A. Chelf,** patient on ward 31, is now $128 richer—that is—he will be when his check arrives. He is now one of the circle of celebrities who have successfully answered "the $64 question" on the air, and he will receive an additional $64 for appearing on the program. He says he is going to put the money to the prosaic use of paying his bills, but from the gleam in his eye we'd say it would go for more frivolous purposes. Sergeant Chelf, who prefers to be called "Guy" rather than Harvey, earned his $64 by answering the six questions on the "college towns" category—the announcer told him the name of the town, and he responded with the name of the college in said town. Besides the money he will also get a Schick injector razor and a year's supply of blades.

Sam Harrison, who used to be one of the best-known patients at Letterman, was honored recently by Mayor **Elmer Robinson,** who appointed him as a member of the new board of trustees for the War Memorial. Sam sent a message to his friends here to say he would be in to see them soon.

Staff Sergeant **Charles Werry,** patient on ward 30, said goodbye to Letterman last week and returned to duty with the Air Force. He is in Tucson, Arizona, at present. While he was a patient here Sergeant Werry did a lot of photographic work in the O.T. photo lab, and one of the pictures he took (an aircraft carrier) is on page 3 of this issue of the Fog Horn.

Pfc. **Gordon Dirks,** Corporal **Francis Murray** and Pvt. **David Smith,** patients on ward 41, all of whom have apartments off the post, have been hard at work in the ceramics department of the Occupational Therapy Shop lately, making "show" pieces to fit into the decorative scheme of the apartments.

Corporal **Robert Higa,** patient on ward K-2, who is from Honolulu, has been running into "lots of pilikia" lately in his typesetting efforts. When he sets up a line of type, either he finds he's short of letters, or maybe the type gets pied—it's a rough life, but Higa doesn't let it get him down, he keeps on trying. (Note to mainlanders: Pilikia means "trouble," in case you want to know what you're saying when you start using it.)

On ward E-1, WOGJ **Benjamin Fulrod** and veteran patient **Olaf Oleson** like to play cribbage all day long, and judging from the results of the games, they're pretty evenly matched, with no champ announced as yet.

Last Wednesday the members of the Barbecue Club met and munched at the Legion log cabin at San Anselmo, and next week, on 19 January, a big night barbecue will be held, at which an attendance of about 75 is expected.

Sergeant **Robert Ackerman,** patient on ward 3, is a photographer when he isn't a patient, and so far he has plied his profession in three branches of the Armed Forces—the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Army.

Veteran **Charles Arkin,** who was formerly a patient here on ward D-1, has returned, and has transferred his allegiance to ward E-1. Regarding this further hospitalization, Arkin says that since he had to come back to a hospital, he's glad he was sent to Letterman again.

Bruno Angulis, veteran, who is a patient on ward E-1, likes to puzzle out the crossword puzzles in the daily papers, but he has one complaint. He says the only reason he buys the paper is to get the puzzle, so he kind of resents that extra 2c on the purchase price.

Master Sergeant **Herbert Collins,** former Letterman patient, is back in the hospital and is now on ward F-2. Since his return he has modeled two heads on which he has received a number of compliments —one is the head of an Island native, the other of an old Indian woman.

The cold wave hereabouts is now accounted for and localized—Pvt. **Jack Frost** became a patient at Letterman this week, and is on ward 31. The fact that his home is in North Bend, Oregon, provides further circumstantial evidence that he is involved in California's "Big Freeze."

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. MILDRED HENDRIX
Red Cross Recreation Worker

"What does a recreation worker like to do for recreation?" we asked Mrs. Mildred (better known as Mili) Hendrix, and she told us that in her case it's travel. She has really gone in for it, too. She has been in every state except Maine and Florida, was in the Islands long eonugh to do graduate work at the University of Hawaii, and before the war used to go by freighter on Caribbean cruises to out-of-the-way ports. She was in Europe when the war began in 1939, had visited England, Scotland, Wales, Norway and Sweden, and was in Denmark when the Germans threatened to invade Poland. She came across Germany on a train carrying Army troops, spent the last week of peace in Paris, and returned to the States on the Queen Mary—the last crossing on which that ship carried civilans.

The next time she saw Europe was in 1944, when she arrived in England as a Red Cross recreation worker attached to the 6th Convalescent Evacuation Hospital. She served with that hospital in the ETO in England, France, Germany and after V-E Day spent several months in Nuernberg, returning to the States in time to spend the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays of 1945 at home in Whittier, California.

Whittier is Mili's home town. She is a graduate of Whittier College, and did graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley.

After her return home from the ETO she was sent to the Station Hospital at Fort Lawton in Seattle and was there for a year and a half, then came to Letterman, in September 1947.

CIVIL CIRCLES

During the cold spell **Gwen Scopin** has solved her problem of how to keep warm in the Baggage Room office—she brings a heating pad to work with her.

Olga Radich, Training Section, suffered an earache reecntly and ended up losing her voice, but her recuperation was rapid and we are glad to see her cheerful self around these parts again.

From the Sick & Wounded office comes the news that **Jeanette Gardiner** celebrated her birthday this week and we offer hearty birthday greetings. **Louise Smith,** also of the Sick & Wounded office, wants it to be known that she is searching for an apartment and would appreciate any help or news of such. She prefers three rooms, unfurnished. **Annette Feller** of ward S-1 happily reports she is the proud possessor of an apartment in San Francisco that she will take over when she becomes Mrs. **Clifford Gross.**

Chris Gannon, Machine Shop, suffered a slight injury to his right eye when a piece of emery stone flew in his eye but it was quickly removed.

Among those returning from recent vacations were **Virginia de Trana** of the Out Patient Service, who journeyed to Chicago to spend her holiday leave; **June Grumpstrup,** Military Personnel, who enjoyed a wonderful vacation with her family in Clinton, Iowa, and **Ellen Bauer** of the Dental Clinic, who reports a wonderful time spent in Phoenix, Arizona, and Southern California.

Dorothy Beach, formerly of Patients Fund, came in recently to bid her friends at Letterman goodbye. She will be making her home in Santa Cruz in the future.

She says it seems like yesterday, but actually 1460 yesterdays have passed since **Rebecca Garcia** of the Chaplains' Office began work at Letterman on 15 January 1945. In addition to her four years here, she spent two years in government service at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, her home town. We wish her a happy LGH anniversary.

He: "You seem to look shorter in that bathing suit."

She: "No, it's just that you men look longer."

SHE LIKES MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AND MUSIC AND PHOTOGRAPHY



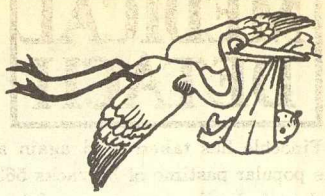
Mrs. LOIS AIELLO
Medical Technologist in the LGH Laboratory

Although Mrs. Lois Aiello acquired her present surname in October, when she became the bride of John Aiello, there may still be some of tnose who know her here at Letterman who think of her as Lois Ricketts. But Lois is now thoroughly accustomed to her new name, and accustomed to commuting daily from Oakland, too, where she and her husband have an apartment. Lois has been at Letterman just over two years, having come here in December 1946. She is a medical technologist on the Laboratory Service, and is now a supervisor in the hematology section.

Lois was born in Paola, Kansas, and went to school there until she finished high school, then went to Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, where she majored in biology, with a minor in chemistry. She also attended Kansas University at Lawrence, Kansas. She liked science courses so much that she had 90 hours of science in her 130 hours of college work. Her goal was to become a registered medical technologist, so after she received her degree she spent a year's internship at the Research Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. She then took and passed the examination which qualified her as a registered Medical Technologist, American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

She continued to work at the Research Hospital for two more years, and was supervisor of the chemistry section there. Then, after working in a doctor's office in Kansas City for a year, she decided to come to California, with the idea of coming to work in the Letterman lab, if possible. She worked for three months in a doctor's office in Oakland, then in December 1946 began work at LGH. Instead of working a five-day week, with Saturday and Sunday free, Lois, being on duty in the lab, is on a different time schedule. She works ten days straight, then has four days off, thus making every other week end a four-day one.

In her free time she enjoys bowling and tennis, and she and her husband have photography as a hobby, using their kitchen as a part-time darkroom. When they were at Lake Tahoe on their honeymoon, they took kodachromes of an unexpected snowstorm and also of the six-foot snowman they built. Lois enjoys music, too, and played clarinet with the band both in high school and college. She also plays the piano, and since she doesn't have one at present, has acquired an accordion, and is becoming proficient on that.



To Pfc. and Mrs. Wilber H. Hudson, a boy, **Michael Dean,** born 24 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Roger A. Juel, a girl, **Lynn Allison,** born 25 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Bircett, a girl, **Catherine,** born 25 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert R. Aubrey, a girl **Aubrey Diane,** born 25 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Ker, a boy, **Charles William,** born 25 December.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Robert H. Bates, Jr., a girl, **Marsha Ann,** born 26 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Gene G. Sinclair, a boy, **Frank Mitchell,** born 27 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William H. Shaver, a girl, **Linda Marie,** born 27 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Veryle F. Nickell, a boy, **Mike Francis,** born 27 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William T. Hawes, a girl, **Doreen Ann,** born 27 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Stanley A. Foss, a girl, **Barbara Louise,** born 27 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. James F. Smith, Sr., a boy, **James Francis, Jr.,** born 28 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. O. Z. Hodge, a girl, **Harriet Emma,** born 28 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Arthur J. Kero, a boy, **Raymond Arthur,** born 28 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Charles Gallup, a boy, **Marvin Lewis,** born 28 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert Lee McCrane, a girl, **Stella Louise,** born 29 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

Pinochle has taken hold again as the popular pastime of barracks 563, and each duo has set up an elaborate system of signals in an attempt to outwit its opponents. They insist that the signals are strictly legal, since both sides have them and use them. Among the enthusiastic players are Pfc. **Bill Gambee,** Pfc. **Bradford K. Libby,** Sergeant **George Woodard** and Pfc. **Mike O'Toole.**

Corporal **Carmen Mottola** returned this week from a 30-day furlough, reporting that he spent most of his time renewing his "friendships" with all his former girl friends. Now that he's back, he seems to be doing pretty well in that respect here at Letterman, too.

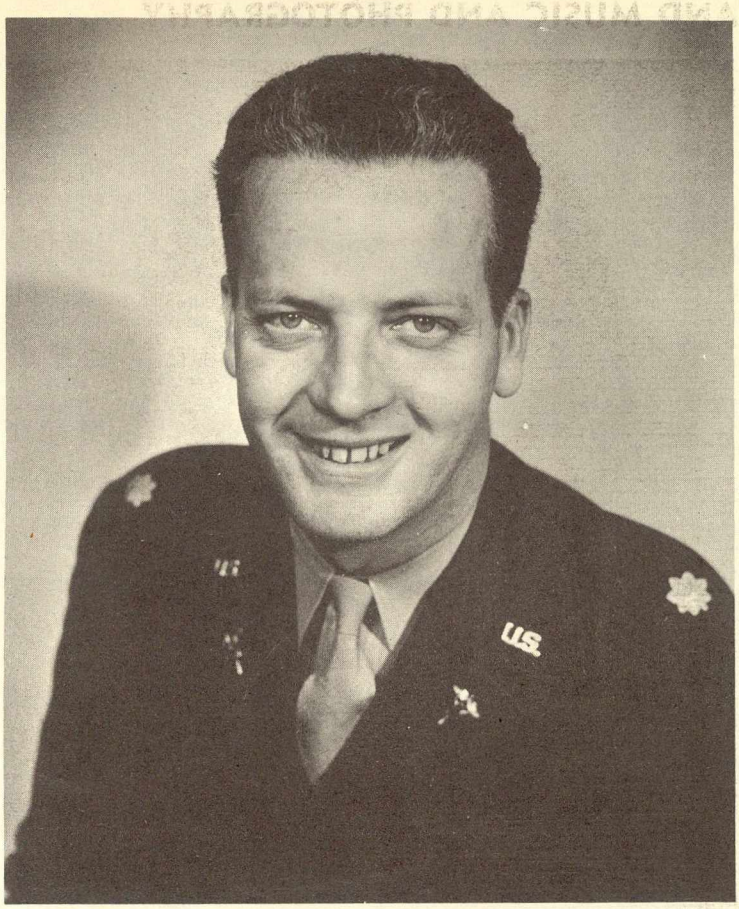
Pfc. **Ed Schllachter** of Physical Reconditioning Branch has been heard to say that his current romance is strictly a fleeting one, but his friends think otherwise, because lately he has begun to talk about little homes with green shutters and white picket fences.

Corporal **Otis Poindexter** is making preparations for a forthcoming 30-day furlough which he plans to spend at his home in Southern California. He says he intends to have his automobile (he calls it his "hot rod") in tip-top condition by the time he returns.

Sergeant first class **Russell P. Cox** of Publication Section drove to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to spend his 30-day furlough. He said he was going in search of the "warm weather that California is fresh out of."

Between 8 January, his birthday, and 8 February, the eighth anniversary of his wedding, Master Sergeant **Kenneth C. Robbins** has several pleasant matters arranged. Today he completes 20 years of service in the Army, and he is re-enlisting to begin on that last ten. Monday he will begin a 30-day furlough, and he is surprising his wife Mary with an advance anniversary gift of a new 1948 Chevrolet. He and his wife will take off in the new car for an extensive trip during the furlough. When you realize the number of "8s" involved in the foregoing, it looks like eight is Robbie's lucky number.

"LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD:" MAJOR DOYLE NEW PERSONNEL DIRECTOR



Major JOHN F. DOYLE, MSC
New Director of Personnel at Letterman

Some of our native sons never leave California, but others are constrained by circumstances to move off to the other end of the continent. Never for a moment does the wanderer cease to yearn for the Golden State and happy, indeed, is he who is able to return.

Major John F. Doyle, San Francisco born, has just come back for what he hopes will be a long sojourn. This week he began a tour of duty as Director of Personnel and he likes to think of it as a permanent assignment.

It was away back in 1924 he moved with his family to New York and there he stayed until he enlisted in the army in 1935. Started out to be a signal corps soldier but two years later he switched over to the medics and stayed put. Then he gyrated around posts in the vicinity of New York—Raritan Arsenel, Fort Devens, and Providence—until 1942 when he went to OCS at Carlisle Barracks.

On being commissioned in the then MAC he left almost immediately for overseas with the 2nd Field Hospital. He was in the Pacific area for 33 months and was promoted to first lieutenant and captain while there. In 1945 he was brought home and assigned to the office of the Surgeon General where he remained until December of last year. His particular desk was that of the Assistant Executive Officer and explained his advance to field grade.

Major Doyle became a "Regular" with the integration in February 1947 with rank of captain and a later adjustment all along the line moved up back to the rank of major which he holds permanently.

As a Native Son he is rather much on the defensive at this particular time whenever the weather is the topic of conversation and folk hereabouts are talking of nothing else.

Just in case any of our bachelor girls are wondering—we hasten to add the major is married and the father of a nine year old son.

SIDINGS TIDINGS

Personnel of the Hospital Train Section were extra busy early this week preparing to receive the 200 patients who arrived at Fort Mason Wednesday on the Hospital Ship "Hope."

First Sergeant Irwin E. Hulsey has been having trouble getting drivers lately. His new policy is to have all the new men reporting for duty take the drivers' test, and he hopes that in this way he will accumulate enough drivers.

With the "Hope" coming in again, everyone is busy making plans about the next hospital train trip. Corporal **William H. Jordan** has expressed a desire to go to San Antonio again. No one believes he wants to go back just for sight-seeing purposes.

Captain **Charles A. Toombs** was seen touring the area last week, although he is now on leave prior to his departure for overseas duty.

Another welcome visitor to the Hospital Train Section last week was Lieut. Col. **Robert L. Whitfield, Jr.,** former CO of the HTU. He has just returned from a tour of duty in China.

The Unit welcomes the following newly-assigned personnel: Corporal **Honie Loggins,** Sergeant First Class **Frederick E. Wheeler** and Recruit **James T. Doddy.**

Corporal **Donald Chah** returned from leave this week. There goes the peace and quiet that prevailed in the Evacuation Office during his absence.

Congratulations to the following personnel of the HTU, for whom promotions came through last week: **James Lonigro,** from Sergeant to Sergeant first class; **Paulino Magale,** from Sergeant to Sergent first class; **Ines F. Singson,** from Corporal to Sergeant.

Cpl: "Why don't you like girls?"
Pfc.: "They're too biased."
Cpl.: "Biased?"
Pfc.: "Yeah, buy us this and buy us that, until I'm broke."

"How was the wedding?" asked the chaplain's wife.

"It was fine until I asked the bride if she would 'obey,' and she said 'Do you think I'm crazy?' Just about that time, the groom, in sort of a daze, said 'I do.' And that's when things really began to happen."

Troop Information And Education

"I wish I had something to do," is the familiar cry heard in the barracks, on the ramps, and in the wards. How about looking beyond the vista of this area and into the buildings and rooms of the many schools and institutions that this great metropolis offers you. Let us familiarize you with some of them.

1. The High Schools, which operate five days a week until 9 p. m., offer you academic, vocational, and leisure time activities—i. e.—Practical application of principles taught in acting, technique, set construction, and costuming, under expert direction; marionettes, motion-picture production, navigation, languages, drawing and painting, bookkeeping machines, real estate, radio, electricity, etc.

2. Samuel Gompers Trade School, where classes are established in cooperation with and under the supervision of the State Commission for Vocational Education. The objectives of the school are based on giving students an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a trade. Courses include welding, radio station operation, photography, power sewing, dress design, watch repair.

The above are free and operate throughout the year and will aid and assist in every way possible. And then there are the Universities:

1. University of California Extension Division, where credit courses, leisure time activities, and general cultural courses are available to one and all regardless of educational background. Our 501 Fund will assist you in meeting the cost by paying three-fourths of it for you.

2. University of San Francisco, where your enrollment, evaluation of credits, and advisment are reviewed to meet the requirements for a degree in Liberal Arts, Business Administration, Law, etc., or for pursuit in fields of intellectual interest.

3. San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Ext. Div., where a variety of non-credit piano, voice, violin, music history and literature, and harmony and theory, affords opportunity for elementary and advanced training for the musical amateur.

And last, but not least, our group study classes for duty and patients, and individual tutoring for bed patients on the post, by certified teachers of the San Francisco Adult Division ,daily from 1:30-4:30 p. m.

The Information and Education Office is your office, use it.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

An information program for Army officers, including publication of a 16-page monthly magazine and monthly discussion periods on selected subjects, is scheduled to begin in February. The program is designed to improve officers' professional capabilities by giving them a more complete knowledge of: the Army's missions, plans and policies; significant military, national and international matters; the exacting demands of the military codes of duty and honor; and the type of leadership required in the Army. Material will be prepared by the Army-Air Force Troop Information and Education Division.

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A total of 10.2 per cent of Air Force military personnel were new participants in the Airmen Information and Education program during the past three months. If this rate of participation continues for a year, approximately 40 per cent of Air Force personnel will utilize some phase of the program during a year's time.

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First, Second and Third Army boundaries have been modified to make them identical with Air Force Areas. Indiana is now in the Fifth Army Area instead of the Second while Delaware now falls in the Second instead of the First Army Area.

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Overseas commanders have been authorized to grant re-enlistment leave, with travel in a duty status, to residents of territories or possessions serving away from their home areas.

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All warrant officers appointed under provisions of DA Circular 38 will have the same date of rank regardless of actual appointment date.

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Senior Marine Corps Officer Selection Boards will meet this month to recommend promotions. Selection Boards for lower grade officers will meet at intervals throughout the year.

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Rep. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has prepared legislation calling for a 70-group Air Force and an 837,000-man Army. Other legislation to be introduced by Mr. Vinson will call for extension of income tax exemptions on Service pay to July 1, and application of the 20 per cent luxury tax for jewelry, perfume and furs sold at Post Exchanges and Ships Stores.

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Regular Army commissions as Second Lieutenants are being offered to college graduates between the ages of 21 and 27 who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Appointments will be made in two groups during March and August.

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A single physical standard for enlistment or induction in all Armed Services is being considered by Government authorities. Should the plan be adopted, the passing mark on all intelligence tests will be made uniform.

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The third volume in the series depicting Army operations in World War II will go on sale shortly. The new volume is "Okinawa: The Last Battle."

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U.S. troops in Europe are in a state of high morale and combat readiness, Vice Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins has reported upon returning from an overseas inspection tour.

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Regulations have been drafted to place the clothing credit system in effect in the Army and Air Force on July 1. The Defense Department is now studying opinions from the field concerning the proposed Regulations.

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The Army's Personnel Policy Board, established by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, is being raised to Defense Department level, so its services may be made available to all the Armed Services.

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The Air Force is taking special steps to protect ground personnel from the dangers of the "suction area" in air scoops created by jet motors. Regulations setting a minimum safety distance of 25 feet will be enforced.

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Army-Air Force joint orders suspending applications for airborne training because of a personnel surplus have been modified to indicate officers still are eligible for training. The surplus is in enlisted strength only.

On 26 July 1947 the War Department was redesignated the Department of the Army, following unification of the Army, Navy and Air Force into a single national security organization.

The custom of wearing medals on the left breast dates back to the days of the Crusaders, who made it a practice of wearing their order's badge of honor near the heart to denote high reverence. AFPS

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans who have appointments for services authorized by Veterans Administration are urged to appear at the appointed time.

VA said veterans should make every effort to keep their medical or dental examinations at the time specified. These examinations are set on a regular schedule. When a veteran fails to appear, he wastes not only the time of VA personnel preparing to give the examination or treatment, but prevents them from re-scheduling some other veteran for that period.

Broken appointments also result in unnecessary delays in medical and dental care to all veterans of the surrounding area and reduces the number of veterans who can be served by VA.

All veterans who have vocational advisement and guidance appointments are urged to report promptly at the designated place or else notify VA in advance that the appointment cannot be kept.

Question: While living in Canada, I converted my National Service Life Insurance to a permanent plan. Now I learn that because of Canadian currency controls, I cannot send enough money out of the country to cover my premiums. What can I do about this?

Answer: There have been a number of similar cases. You should contact the currency control office of the country in which you now reside, and if you cannot make a satisfactory arrangement, you should go to the nearest U. S. consulate and explain your problem.

Question: I am a World War II veteran and would like to know if my wife is entitled to VA hospitalization?

Answer: If she is an ex-service woman she will be entitled to hospitalization in her own right, but being the wife of a veteran will not of itself make her eligible for VA hospitalization.

Question: After my discharge from World War II, I surrendered my $10,000 National Service Life Insurance converted policy for the cash value. I have re-enlisted and want insurance again. Am I eligible?

Answer: Yes. Application for a new NSLI policy may be made while you are in active service.

Middle age is the time when a man stops wondering how to dodge life's temptations, and starts wondering if he's missing any.

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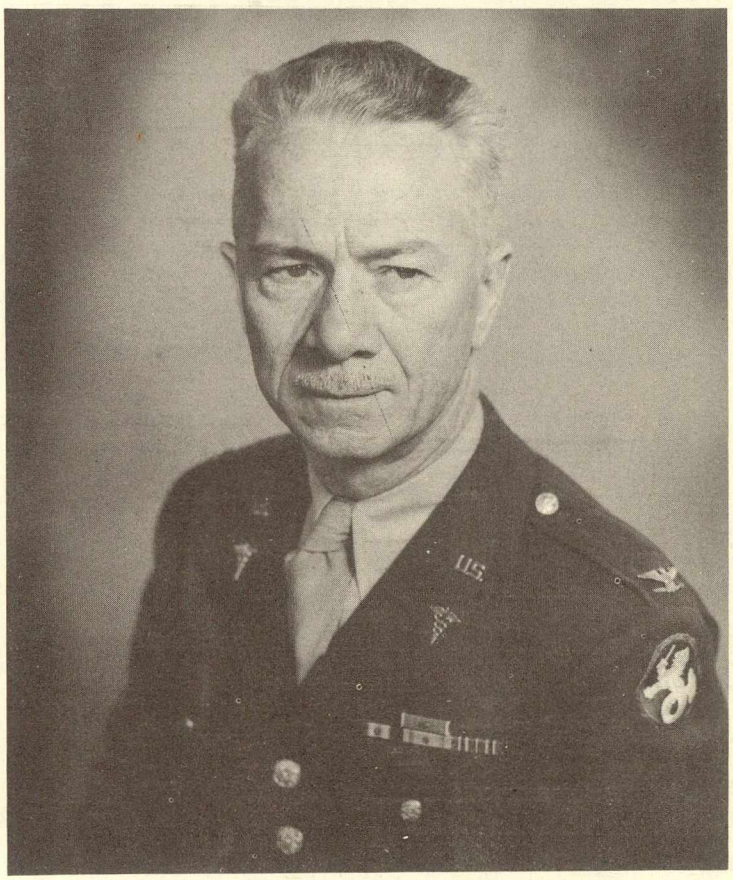
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Letterman Salutes New Commander Of Brooke AMC

Colonel Arthur R. Gaines, MC, who had been visiting friends here at Letterman since his arrival from Manila early this month, left last week for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he will assume command of Brooke Army Medical Center. Brooke will be the sixth Army hospital at which Colonel Gaines has served as commanding officer during and since World War II. In July 1947 he completed 30 years in the Medical Corps.

Colonel Gaines was born near Altoona, Pennsylvania, and went to school in Altoona until he began his pre-medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his M. D. from Jefferson College School of Medicine in Philadelphia, after which he interned at Altoona Hospital. He then began a residency at Philadelphia General Hospital which was interrupted after a few months when he entered the Army during World War I, in July 1917. After attending a course at the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C., he was at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Ky., for a time before going overseas. He was in France for a year and a half.

He returned to the United States in October 1919, and spent the next five years at the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston. In 1924 he was sent to the East Coast and served with coast defense installations (Fort Schuyler and Fort Totten) until 1927, when he went to Hawaii for a three-year tour of duty at Fort Kamehameha, plus six months at Kilaiewa Military Rest Camp. In 1930 he was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, where he remained for a six-year period which was broken by a nine-month tour of duty with the War Mothers in France.



Colonel ARTHUR R. GAINES, MC
New Commanding Officer of Brooke Army Medical Center

In 1936 Colonel Gaines began to specialize in the field of Internal Medicine. He was at the station hospital at Fort Sheridan, Ill., from 1936 until 1939, when he went to Colon Hospital, Panama, as chief of medical service and superintendent of the hospital. In 1942 he began a year at Fort Ord as station surgeon and commanding officer of the hospital there.

He was commanding officer of McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash., from 1943-1944, spent the following year as CO of Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., was CO of Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., for a year ,then went to Manila, where he commanded the 10th General Hospital at Fort McKinley, and was also medical consultant for the area.

Ordered to his new command at Brooke, Colonel Gaines returned to the States by air. His wife, the former Miss Edythe Huitt of Harrington, Kansas, who was with him in Manila, has arrived here since

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President's Defense Budget Stresses Military Readiness

(AFPS)—President Truman's national defense budget, recently submitted to Congress for the fiscal year 1950, calls for $14,700,000,000 in expenditures, plus $800 million for Universal Military Training and some $279 million for higher ship building costs.

A breakdown of the President's budget, in rounded sums, is as follows:

Army, $4,500,000,000; Air Force, $4,600,000,000; Navy, $4,600,000,000; contingent funds, $830,000,000; the training program, $800,000,000; stockpiling, $525,000,000.

Mr. Truman told Congress that his budget would be adequate for a defense program showing the "proper relationship" between the country's security and the national economy.

The President said that his recommendations were "based on a plan for a national defense position of relative military readiness coupled with a higher degree of mobilization preparedness."

He proposes an Army of 677,000 officers and men on active duty for 1950. Plans approved last year called for 900,000 by 1 July 1949. Under the budget recommendations, both the Air Force and the Navy also faced personnel reductions.

None of the fund reductions in the three Services, however, are reflected in Mr. Truman's program for the Reserves and the civilian components of the Armed Forces.

"Our concept of national defense," he said, "places important reliance upon the readiness of citizen-soldiers. This budget provides for larger and better trained reserves for the Air Force, Amy and Navy.

Women Now Serve in the RA in Five Classifications

The uniforms of women in the various branches of the Armed Forces have by now become as familiar to the American public as those of servicemen. During World War II women amply demonstrated the fact that they are a useful part of the military establishment, and in the Army they now serve in five classifications.

Here at Letterman the five groups are represented by 200 women in uniform, of which the largest group, numbering 124 at present, are in the Army Nurse Corps. The Women's Army Corps comes next in numerical strength here, with 10 officers and 39 enlisted women. The LGH members of the Womens' Medical Specialist Corps include 11 occupational therapists, eight physical therapists and eight dietitians.

A recent Armed Forces Talk titled "Women in the Armed Forces," published by the Department of the Army, tells the general story of the rise and development of the women's services and of their contributions to the work of the Armed Forces, and answers numerous questions with reference to the status of women serving their country.

It is pointed out in the Talk that before Congress could authorize permanent women's services in the military establishment many familiar objections, some of which had been raised against women in other fields of employment, had to be overcome. Some of these were: "Women's place is in the home;" "they aren't strong enough for such work;" "they won't work for other women, won't submit to military discipline." The several women's services had to disprove these beliefs, among others, to the satisfaction of military commanders and Congress before they were admitted to full membership.

During the American Revolution civilian women were sometimes hired as nurses, and it was as nurses that they were most readily accepted by the Armed Forces. In this field they first rendered military service and demonstrated their efficiency in considerable numbers. In the Spanish-American War nurses were still civilian workers under contract, paid $30 a month.

Congress recognized the services of women as nurses by creating the Army Nurse Corps in the Medical Department of the Army in 1901, but the members of the corps did not have full officers' rank, pay, or other benefits, and there was at that time no thought of organizing women for any other service.



ARMY NURSE CORPS

Two members of the first women's commissioned service, the Army Nurse Corps, First Lieut. Anne B. Zunick and 2d. Lieut. Marjorie R. Samson, pause to stand retreat as they leave the hospital for an evening off the post.

During World War I, when the American Expeditionary Force serving in France experienced a shortage of clerical and communications workers, it borrowed about 5000 members of the British Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. General Pershing was impressed with their ability, and when the British could not lend the AEF any more Waacs, he cabled to the United States a request for American servicewomen, who were to be organized into a Women's Service Corps. However, the War Department rejected the idea, and instead sent groups of civilian women contract workers.

In 1920 members of the Army Nurse Corps were given "relative" military rank and were authorized to wear officers' insignia of grade from 2d lieutenant through major. However, they did not receive real rank, equal pay, mileage, or other officers' privileges, although later legislation authorized Army nurses' retirement for longevity and disability.

With the coming of World War II the character of warfare and of the Armed Forces required to wage it had changed to such an extent that two-thirds of the Army's jobs, for example, were non-combat, and early in 1941 a bill to establish a women's corps in the Army was introduced. On 14 May 1942, Congress authorized the establishment of a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Under the terms of the legislation, the Waacs could serve with the Army in the U. S. and overseas, but would have neither military status nor veterans' rights. It was not until 1 July 1943 that a bill was passed which converted the Waac into the WAC (Women's Army Corps), with military status like the rest of the Army of the United States, but in wartime only.

Many Army commands were slow to requisition Waacs, and at first even the Medical Department stated that enlisted women could not be used at all in Army hospitals. All this changed quickly as the manpower shortage became acute and it was found that Waacs could do hundreds of jobs. Of 628 jobs listed by the Army, 406 proved suitable for women. As Waacs proved their efficiency, requisitions began to come in, and Waacs were soon serving at hundreds of stations in the U. S. and overseas.

At the beginning of the war it was planned to recruit a women's corps of about 12,000 members. However, the WAC eventually reached a peak strength of 100,000. About 20 per cent were assigned to Army hospitals, where it was found that one nurse could do the work of two if she had a trained enlisted woman to take over some of her administrative duties. About 15 per cent of WAC officers served with WAC troops; the other 85 per cent filled administrative jobs which released male officers for other duties.

In 1944, women of the commissioned Army Nurse Corps were granted real instead of relative rank, together with all the other benefits of full military status.

The servicewomen who came nearest to the fighting in World War II were Army nurses. Reaching a peak strength of 57,000 in 1945, they were assigned to all Army hospitals in the U. S., to hospital ships, and to surgical field units, evacuation hospitals, and station and general hospitals overseas. Army dietitians and physical therapists, who received full military rank when the nurses did, also served on hospital ships and in hospitals—the dietitians planning and supervising preparation of meals, and the physical therapists administering therapeutic exercises to patients.

In April 1947 legislation was passed which established, in the Regular Army and the Reserves, the Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps in permanent commissioned rank. The WMSC gives permanent military status to a number of related services — dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists. All members are officers.

Little more than a year later, in June 1948, a bill was passed which made the WAC a part of the Regular Army. With this legislation, all five groups of women serving in the Army received Regular Army status.

Members of the women's services, having met and overcome the opposition with which they were originally confronted, have unmistakably demonstrated their ability to serve their country well in time of conflict and in time of peace.

Women in Uniform Who Serve at Letterman



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
2d Lieut. Violet McCarty, WMSC, of Occupational Therapy, works with veteran patient James McGinnis of ward N-2 on a tooled copper picture.



WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
Capt. Charlotte Woodworth, CO of the WAC detachment, discusses a report with Sergeant Jane Jones, her supply sergeant.



DIETITIAN
First Lieut. Julie Skellchock, WMSC, dietitian, inspects the meal being served from the food cart on ward E-2. L to R: Cpl. Merrill Attwell, 1st Lieut. Joy B. Crain, ANC, Maybell Fountain, Lieut. Skellchock.



PHYSICAL THERAPIST
First Lieut. Betty Hearne, WMSC, gives gait training to M-Sgt. John Bays, while S-Sgt. William Sterling works our his stiffened knee on the bicycle in the P. T. gym.

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The United States Armed Forces Institute, better known as USAFI, can be of use to all Army personnel, whether or not they intend to make the Army a career. There are many men in the service who have not yet reached the educational level they desire—there is no need for them to put off reaching it. They can take care of the matter by means of the Army's Troop Information and Education program.

Here at Letterman this program operates through administration of General Educational Tests, on-the-post study groups using USAFI texts, self-study USAFI courses and USAFI correspondence courses. Students may also enroll in local high schools and universities, with the Army paying for three-fourths of the cost of the courses up to a maximum of $25. These services are available to both patients and duty personnel.

Educational advancement is usually spoken of on the basis of the material returns it will bring, but the pleasures of the mind which are the rewards of satisfying intellectual curiosity are equally real, though not always measurable in monetary terms.

Whether your needs are academic or vocational you can "Use USAFI."

WAC

Millie (Stech) Horton, ex-member of the detachment who has been working in Out-Patient Service as a civilian since her discharge, was the guest of honor at a surprise stork shower given during the noon hour last Friday at the Out-Patient Clinic.

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Congratulations to Corporal **Lorraine Fincher,** who has recently been promoted to that grade. Lorraine returned Sunday night from her emergency leave. She flew back in not one, but a number of aircraft. Among them were a B-17, B-29, C-47, and her final hop was in an army trainer, AT-6, from Sacramento to Hamilton Field. Outside of a few very rough spots in the weather, she had a good trip. Still looking for travel and adventure, she immediately signed up for oversees duty upon her return to Letterman.

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The windy nights of the past week have created an appropriate atmosphere for those girls listening to the various spine-tingling "squeaky-door" radio program—rattling windows and doors created an effective background.

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The triple typhoid shots given to the WACs earlier in the week caused a few stiff and sore arms. The situation was aptly summed up by one individual—"We carry our arms as if they were in invisible slings."

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Several of the WACs have heard from Sergeant **"Chris" McConnell,** now stationed in Lufkin, Texas, on recruiting duty. She states that Lufkin is in a "different world" than San Francisco. But then, what place in Texas isn't in another sphere?

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Sergeant **Dorothy "Gussie" Coleman** enjoyed a three-day pass last week, and took advantage of it to help her husband celebrate his birthday.

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Sergeant **Gladys Knowles,** too, was on the receiving end of a three-day pass. Ah, life in the Army has its compensations!



First Lieut. **Virginia Earpe,** ANC, became the bride of Dr. **Robert Tait** of Easton, Mass., on 12 January, in a ceremony performed by Chaplain (Capt.) **George B. King** in the Letterman chapel. Miss **Frances Earpe,** sister of the bride, who is a civilian nurse here at LGH, was maid of honor, and Captain **Keerkor Bedayan** was best man. The bride wore an aquamarine suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses, and the maid of honor wore a burgundy suit and a gardenia corsage. More than 100 guests attended the reception held at the Letterman Officers Club after the ceremony. The bride will join her husband in Easton, Mass., after she has been separated from the service, which she expects will be in the near future.

Captain **Clarice H. Blegan,** ANC, and her mother, who was a guest at the LGH Officers Club one evening last week, were both unusually lucky at Bingo. Captain Blegan won $11, and her mother won the jackpot game and got $130.

A welcome goes this week to a newcomer to Letterman, First Lieut. **Martha R. Garvin,** ANC, of Johnson City, Tenn., who has just returned from overseas duty in Puerto Rico.

First Lieut. **Helen F. Reilly,** ANC, who was separated from the service this week, will still be near enough to stop in and see her friends here, since she will be living across the bay in Richmond.

Bad weather or no, First Lieut. **Anne K. Brady,** ANC, flew back to Holyoke, Mass., last week to attend her brother's wedding.

Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** ANC, Chief Nurse, is enjoying a brief leave at Carmel.

A foursome of Letterman nurses —Captain **Lourine Patterson,** and First Lieuts. **Jessie Morgan, Gloria Saffield** and **Marguerite Laetsch,** spent last week end in the snow at Sequoia National Park, where they indulged in snow-fights and ice skating "to dreamy music."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 23, January, 1949
IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Great Books

First meeting of the "Great Books" group here at Letterman will be held Friday, 4 February, in the recreational library. The two-hour session will begin at 7:15 p. m., and meetings will be held each Friday at that time.

Home Planning

The special interest club known as the Home Planning Group, of which Miss Nancy Jones, Red Cross recreation worker, is the sponsor, will take a new lease on life after a holiday lull, and will hold the first meeting of the year next Wednesday, 26 January, at 7 p. m. on ward D-2.

Two architects, Mr. Ira Springer and Mr. Otto Hintermann, and an interior decorator, Mr. Leland Hyde, will discuss home planning with the patients, and will be glad to look over and make suggestions on home plans or sketches the patients may have on hand. All three speakers are members of the San Francisco Architects Club. Future meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN SALUTES

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his return, and they made the trip from San Francisco to Fort Sam Houston by motor.

Colonel Gaines' decorations include the Legion of Merit for his service in Panama, with an oak leaf cluster for his tour of duty at Percy Jones. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

DO YOU KNOW?



MARY ELLEN POMEROY
2d Lieutenant, WMSC

Although she received most of her clinical O. T. training in Army hospitals, 2d. Lieut. Mary Ellen Pomeroy, WMSC, didn't immediately take to uniform when the Women's Medical Specialist Corps came into being. But after a couple of years as a civilian occupational therapist, she decided that Army life was what she wanted after all, so she applied for her commission in the Reserves last October, and by the end of the month she was at Brooke Army Medical Center, taking basic at the Medical Field Service School there. She arrived at Letterman just before New Year's Day, and is assigned to duty here in the O. T. diversional shop. Since she asked to be assigned to LGH, naturally she is pleased with her assignment.

Mary Ellen (people usually use both her given names, she says) was born in Independence, Kansas, but when she was very young her family moved to Tucson, Arizona, and she grew up there. After she had her B. S. degree from the University of Arizona, she decided on occupational therapy as a career after reading a newspaper article about the work.

She took her O. T. training at the University of Southern California, and her clinical training period was divided between Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, and Army-Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She worked as a civilian O. T. at Army-Navy for a time after she became a registered O. T., then went to the VA hospital at Amarillo, Texas, where she set up and opened the O. T. department. She minimizes the importance of being head of the department, "because there were only two of us on the staff," she says. She was at Amarillo for two years, then applied for her Army commission.

After completing her basic training, she had time to spent Christmas at home in Tucson before she reported for duty here. Mary Ellen's list of preferred pastimes includes swimming, reading and the theatre, and she says she likes all of the crafts she teaches. She wears a turquoise ring in an unusual setting in which the tone is clasped in interlocking circles of silver.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

A number of gifts for Letterman patients were received last week by Sergeant **Loie Silsby** of the WAC detachment, and are being distributed through the Red Cross. The gifts came through the sponsors of the "Welcome, Traveler" radio program, on which Sergeant Silsby appeared recently when she was in Chicago. There are a dozen record albums, six Florentine chess sets and six gamettes for cribbage, poker and other card games.

First Lieut. **Harry Lawlor,** former Letterman patient, is back again for a short stay, and was welcomed with open arms to ward D-2.

Big preparations are under way at the Army "Y" for the forthcoming Winter Carnival Dance to be held there next Wednesday evening, 26 January. Something extra special is being planned in the way of decorations (skis courtesy of Special Services Branch), a program and refreshments. Walt Tollefson's orchestra will provide the music.

Pfc. **Charles Dalke** of ward 41, who is an expert in the woodworking department, has been making attractive lamp bases on the lathe at the Occupational Therapy shop recently.

Amelio Riccio, veteran patient on ward 42, who impersonated Santa Claus during the holidays, seems to be unable to give up his impersonating tendencies, and last week, probably inspired by the thought of the Man Without a Country, he did his version—The Man Without a Vocabulary. He enacted the part so convincingly for the Troop Information and Education counselor on the ward that he had her thinking he was a candidate for the moron department, and it was only when she was in the process of making arrangements to send a special teacher to the ward to make him articulate with instructions in English that he broke down and confessed all—with apologies.

Pfc. **Orville Reeder,** patient on ward 3, is right at home with a printing press, and has turned out stationery, envelopes and even calling cards on the O.T. press since he's been a patient here.

The sympathy of his Letterman friends is extended to Private **Lloyd Landmark,** patient on ward E-1, who was recently called home on emergency furlough due to the death of his mother.

Captain **Arthur H. Smith** of ward M-1, who has been doing some nice work in leather, has now turned his attention to the jewelry department in the Occupational Therapy Shop, and is busy making a silver bracelet for his daughter.

Wedding bells are in the offing for Miss **Peg Russell,** Red Cross recreation worker, and **Walter Haneberg,** has twice been a Letterman patient. He was discharged from the hospital just before Christmas. The news of the engagement was announced this week, and the wedding will take place in March. When he was a patient here, Haneberg was president of the Angler's Club, and Miss Russell is the sponson of that club, but both deny that there was any mutual angling going on—but of course anglers do specialize in fish stories.

In addition to the chess trophy which stays with the Chess Club winner of the month for a 30-day period, there will in future be a further inducement to pile up points at the chess board. The patient who accumulates the most points for the month will be given a lapel pin in the form of a miniature chess board.

Members of the Creating Writing group met Wednesday at the Recreation Hall for the first time this year, with their new instructor, Mrs. **Maxine O'Brien.** Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and the next will be on 2 February at 2 p. m. Patients in the group include Lieut. Col. **Wesley Semple,** ward A-1; Lieut. Col. **John Heninger,** Lieut. **Rudy Davila,** both of ward D2; Lieut. **Thomas Kelly,** ward A-2; **Charles Connors,** veteran patient on ward O-2, **Leon Gavras,** veteran, ward 30, and Sergeant **Rand Apgood.**

ON THE SPOT



MICHAEL J. O'TOOLE
Private First Class

This is the story of a technician, otherwise known as Pfc. Michael J. O'Toole. Since he became an Army man Mike has become fascinated with the word technician, and now thinks of all his previous occupations in that light—says he was a grocery technician, a sewer technician, a record technician and a radio technician. No doubt when love enters Mike's life, as a matter to be taken seriously, he will be well qualified as a romance technician.

Mike was born in Muskegon, Mich., and engaged in the various above-mentioned occupations after he was graduated from high school there. He took the big step of coming into the Army in July of 1947, enlisting for a two-year period. He was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for his basic training, and for 13 weeks he bent an envious eye upon his fellow soldiers who were getting their basic training in the UMT group. He considered that they had an easier time of it than he did.

After basic he went to Fort Sam Houston for more training, which prepared him for a Physical Reconditioning assignment here at Letterman. He was first on duty at the swimming pool, but now does P. R. work on wards E-2 and 42.

He is one of the star players on the LGH basketball team. When his enlistment is up in June of this year he plans to go back to school, probably at the University of Michigan. No story about Mike would be complete without a mention of the fire-red car with which he scares pedestrians. It is known as the "Throbbing Monster."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. **Gwen Skopin** of the Detachment of Patients, who is on duty in the Baggage Room, this week received a $15 cash award from the Suggestion Committee for a job suggestion she submitted. It is expected that the adoption of her idea will cut down loss of personal property, about which there have been several complaints in the past. Her suggestion was that only authorized persons be allowed access to the baggage and that all items should be issued on the lower floor of the Baggage Room.

Condolences to **Gil Grady** of Finance Office whose car is suffering from a slight case of wreckage and not for the first time either. It is reported that Gil's car has undergone many a major operation.

Dr. **Hyman Zietlin** civilian dentist at Letterman was giving out this week with double rations of candy and cigars as he announced the birth of his twin babies, **James** and **Andrea**, who made their debut last Friday, 14 January.

Lee Bakken of the X-ray Laboratory was welcomed back on the job this week. She had a troublesome siege of pneumonia.

Louise Smith of the Sick and Wounded Office is a patient at Franklin Hospital following a heart attack, and is at present in an oxygen tent. She is not yet permitted to have visitors.

Gus Tevis of Occupational Therapy has been busy acknowledging the congratulations and best wishes of his many Letterman friends since his marriage on 15 January to Miss **Mary Salas**. Mr. and Mrs. Tevis are now happily established in their new home here in San Francisco.

This week **Mary Ellen Anson** of Hospital Mess Administration was "serving in silence," but not on purpose. Her voice was on vacation due to a bad cold.

Newest member of the Letterman library staff is Miss **Alleen Thompson**, who served as a WAVE during the war. She had her library training at Simmons College in Boston, and returned to library work following her discharge from the Navy.

"I've had to make my living by my wits."

"Well, half a living is better than none."

"Ma, what's a second-story man?"

"That's your father. If I don't believe his first tale, he always has a second story."

HER EIGHT YEARS IN THE ANC HAVE PASSED SWIFTLY AND PLEASANTLY



Captain HELEN A. NELSON, ANC
Charge Nurse on Ward N-2

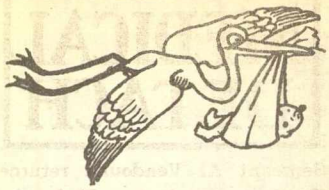
In December Captain Helen A. Nelson, AC, completed eight years of service in the Army Nurse Corps, and she had the rather unusual experience of spending five of those years at the same station—Fort Benning, Georgia. In the course of her tour of duty there she became assistant chief nurse of the station hospital. The name concealed by her middle initial is a deep, dark secret, but it could stand for "amiable" or "affable" because she certainly possesses both those qualities to a marked degree.

She was born in Watertown, South Dakota. When she was in her teens her family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and it was there that she had her nurse's training, at Northwestern Hospital. After becoming a registered nurse she worked at Northwestern for a time, then joined the Army in December 1940, and went to Fort Benning to begin her five years there.

Her overseas duty began in December 1945, when she went to the Philippines. She was first stationed at Clark Field with the 248th General Hospital and was chief nurse there for six months before going to the 2d Station Hospital in Manila, again as chief nurse. She was there for a year and a half, until her return to the States in December 1947. While she was overseas she spent some time at a rest camp in the mountains, at Baguio, and enjoyed shopping in the native markets and playing golf. She also visited Japan, and found she liked the Orient very much.

After her return from the Philippines she enjoyed a 45-day leave which she spent partly at her home in Minnesota and also in visiting friends in Portland, Oregon, and in southern California. She came to Letterman nearly a year ago, in February, and has been charge nurse on ward N-2 ever since.

She is one of those fortunate individuals for whom time goes too fast—"I never have enough time to do all the things I plan," she says. San Francisco is one of her favorite places to enjoy the diversions she likes—dancing, swimming, the theatre and concerts. She reads a lot and particularly enjoys historical novels, then keeps up with the present through the pages of "Time," "Life," and "The New Yorker."



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul L. Harrison, a girl, **Melissa Diane**, born 29 December.

To W/O and Mrs. Leander P. Foss, a girl, **Diane Lee**, born 30 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Nial Collins, a boy, **Laurence Nial**, born 30 December.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Byron J. Alderson, a girl, **Beverly Sue**, born 30 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Leo Wilson, a boy, **Rickey**, born 31 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clarence J. Coles, a girl, **Diana Lee**, born 31 December.

To Corporal and Mrs. Oscar B. Hood, a boy, **David Bailey**, born 1 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Theodore F. Madeiros, a girl, **Carol Ann**, born 2 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William J. Doutney, a girl, **Donna Diann**, born 2 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Elvin D. Arnoldy, a girl, **Janice Ann**, born 2 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Weldon S. Almon, a boy, **John Winfield**, born 2 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Maurice E. Gouvert, a boy, **Paul**, born 2 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. James L. Barber, a girl, born 2 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Burnell Walker, a girl, **Mary Lynn**, born 2 January.

To Major and Mrs. Robert L. Johnson, a boy, **Jeffrey Lander**, born 3 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Lonnie Lee Young, Sr., a boy, **Lonnie Lee, Jr.**, born 3 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Cirimele, a boy, **Claude Phillip**, born 3 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Roscoe W. Simons, a boy, **Ronald William** born 4 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Stanley C. Foster, a boy, **Ronald George**, born 5 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John Zontek, a boy, **Terry Allan**, born 6 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Dean K. Wood, a girl, **Patricia Lynn**, born 8 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Davis A. Wright, a boy, **John Michael**, born 9 January.

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant **Al Vendouris** returned early this week from a 30-day furlough in Los Angeles. He says he went down there to get in a little skiing practice. Of course he was probably paid a good sum by the Florida Chamber of Commerce to say that—we all know what good weather California has.

Recruit **Harold E. Brown** has been receiving packages practically continuously from his home in Vermont. The fact that they have all contained something good to eat has certainly not made the Troop I & E Office less happy (seems that they are always hungry). The latest shipments included real maple sugar fudge and candied popcorn.

The Letterman Basketball Team has begun its 1949 season. The team is really good, as evidenced by the fact that they have won most of their games. The only thing that seems to be lacking is the rooting section. The number of LGH rooters so far has been pitifully small. It would certainly help the team to have a few more rooters out there to cheer them on to victory.

Sergeant **George Woodward** of Grounds and Maintenance Section has been "early to bed and early to rise" as of late. Everyone is wondering whether he has turned over a new leaf or whether he just ran out of funds a little sooner this month.

Master Sergeant **Kenneth Robbins** has been frequenting Letterman lately sporting civilian clothes and that brand-new Chevrolet. "Robbie" is on re-enlistment furlough but he didn't leave town until last Tuesday.

Pfc. **Olin Johnson** of Special Services has been working very hard lately trying to build up his muscles. It seems that his girl friend is very fond of well-muscled men, and Olin is obliged to make her happy (never underestimate the power of a woman).

Husband: "At last my business is on a solid foundation."

Wife: "Wonderful."

Husband: "Yep, it's solid—on the rocks."

NEW CHIEF OF RADIOLOGY BACK FOR SECOND TOUR OF DUTY AT LGH



Lieut. Colonel ELMER A. LODMELL, MC
Chief of Letterman's Radiological Service

Last month, ten years after his first tour of duty at Letterman, Lieut. Col. Elmer A. Lodmell, MC, returned here as Chief of the Radiological Service, taking over in that capacity upon the retirement of Colonel Luther R. Moore. When he was at Letterman the first time, Colonel Lodmell was Colonel Moore's assistant on the Radiological Service from 1938 until 1940. He says he is very much pleased to be back.

Colonel Lodmell was born in Stephen, Minnesota, and grew up there and in Grand Forks, North Dakota. After taking his B. S. degree at the University of North Dakota, he went to medical school at the University of Minnesota, and received his M.D. there in 1927. He engaged in private practice in Wadena City, Minnesota, during the next five years, then in December 1932 came into the Army Medical Corps.

He was first stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and in May of 1933 was assigned to CCC duty in Arkansas. The following year he attended the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, after which he was at the station hospital at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, for two years. From 1936 until 1938 he was on duty at Fort Sherman Hospital in Panama, then came the two-year tour of duty at Letterman.

In July 1940 he went to Fort Ord as head of Radiological Service at the station hospital. He went overseas with the 44th Evacuation Hospital in November 1943. He was in England for a time, then went to France, reaching there with the 3rd Auxiliary Surgical Group on D-Day plus two.

After the war ended he was in the Chief Surgeon's office in Versailles, and later was commanding officer of the 279th Station Hospital in Berlin. He was on that assignment until his return to the United States in February 1946.

After a refresher course at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., Colonel Lodmell was assigned as Chief of Radiological Service at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, where he remained until he came to LGH on his present tour of duty.

In his leisure hours he enjoys fishing and golf, and likes to experiment with photography. He and his wife Lyla have two children, a son and a daughter. Their son, John, who is 14, is here at Letterman with them; their daughter, Mary, is finishing her senior year in high school at Battle Creek, and will come to San Francisco after her graduation.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Ship "Hope" arrived last Thursday at 0900 hours, with close to 200 patients, all of whom were in the wards here by 1100 hours. This is reported as the fastest processing of patients ever carried out by the unit.

The First Sergeant, **Irwin E. Hulsey**, was trying to figure out what some of the additional remarks were on the payroll the other day. He was interested since the amount after his name was very high, but atfer inquiring, he found out that it was only the number of deductions. This information didn't exactly ease his worries.

Corporal **Reginald D. Johnson** is trying to get up a detachment basketball team. All personnel who are interested in playing should see the wonder boy and give him a helping hand.

The Hospital Train is due to pull out in the very near future, and many of the detachment personnel are engaged in the familiar game of guessing in which direction they will go. We overheard one say "I hope I don't get Siberia—" Camp Kilmer, N. J., that is.

The average man in the detachment never worries about the time of day, since he can almost set his watch by watching the actions of the NCOs—0900, coffee; 1130, dinner; 1630, time to get ready to go home.

Sergeant first class **James L. Mitchell** seems to be missing his sidekick, Sergeant first class **Warren Kernop**, who departed from LGH a short time ago. "Mitch" received a letter from him the other day, and Kernop seems to be enjoying that home cooking. You could almost see "Mitch's" mouth watering as he was reading the letter.

Master Sergeant **Don L. Dicks** was not on hand when the patients from the "Hope" arrived. He was a patient in the hospital himself, on Ward F-1.

In the Library

The Centennial celebration in California has brought forth a flood of books. Here are some of the newer ones which you might have missed.

Gaudy Century: San Francisco's one hundred years of robust journalism, by John Bruce. The city's history through its newspapers, written by the city editor of The San Francisco Chronicle.

Heaven Faces West, by Miriam Young. She also wrote "Mother Wore Tights." The story of Lucinda Downer's life after she left her evangelist husband and went to live with her parents near the Oakland race-track. Yes, she finds a new husband, and happiness for her two children.

Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, by John Muir and Ansel Adams. The best work of the grand old man of California naturalists, illustrated with the matchless photographs of Ansel Adams.

Hollywood Without Makeup, by Pete Martin. A Saturday Evening Post writer gives you the breezy, inside stuff on Hollywood and its stars, its producers, writers and technical men. Some of it ran in the Saturday Evening Post.

The Scenes of My Childhood, by James Alden Thompson. The brother of Kathleen Norris writes an intimate journal of the happy family life of the Thompsons in San Francisco at the close of the past century.

The Town With The Funny Name, by Max Miller. Rambling, whimsical essays about La Jolla, California where the author lives. A bit scathing on the tourists and newcomers who have spoiled much of the idyllic flavor of the place, but filled with rare, good humor about the natives and local customs.

Angelo's Wife, by Virginia Myers. A vivid story of the days of the great California ranches and the woman who had been brought from Spain to marry Angelo Estrada. Full of action and real people.

The Giant Glass of Palomar, by David O. Woodbury. The story of the construction and installation of the big telescope on Mt. Wilson.

For Us The Living, by Haakon Chevalier. A big novel of the West Coast, 1929-1945, concerned with three trials for the murder of a ruthless California ranch foreman. Labor-management battles, racial prejudices, and Nazi undercover activities are the disturbing elements brought out in these trials.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Air Force has released its version of the new Manual for Courts Martial, provisions of which become effective February 1. It is identical with the Army Manual, except that pertinent words, phrases and paragraphs have been adapted to Air Force personnel.

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"Some form of tax exemption for enlisted personnel only should be made a permanent feature of our pay system," according to Defense Secretary Forrestal. He recently stated he probably would submit such a proposal to the Budget Bureau.

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Officers promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant in the Army within three months after completing 18 months of service, will rank from the date the 18 months are completed.

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A new joint Army-Air Force directive will authorize issue of identification tags to U.S. citizen employees and dependents of Army-Air Force personnel in overseas commands on application of the individual.

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The option permitting Army enlistments for a two-year period has been rescinded, effective January 15.

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Regulations are being prepared permitting Army ORC appointment of individuals holding Reserve commissions in other Armed Services or the Public Health Service, when better utilization or training of the personnel can be effected.

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A Marine Corps Selection Board to recommend promotion of Colonels to Brigadier General will meet on January 26.

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The Military District of Washington boxing tournament will be held at Fort Myer, Va., February 1, 2 and 3. The dates originally announced were January 26, 27, and 28. Winners will comprise the MDW team in the worldwide Army championship matches to be held at Fort Myer February 21-26.

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Commissioned and enlisted Army-Air Force personnel may be paid by check presented to them, or any designated person or agency, when the new pay plan goes into effect on July 1.

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Army-Air Force personnel have been directed to warn dependents against unnecessary calls for medical treatment. Installation commanders were instructed to direct that Medical officers perform only necessary service for dependents.

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Joint Service use of existing facilities already has saved the Government $34½ million, Secretary Forrestal recently estimated.

Issue of the new type blue-on-gold combat chevrons is expected to begin at Army posts and stations in March. The new noncombat insignia will be issued later.

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The Air Force has been given legal control of its own Recruiting program, though no immediate change in joint operations with the Army will be effected.

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New insignia for the Army-Air Force Hostess Service will indicate "Service Clubs" or "Library Service," on shoulder and cap.

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The forthcoming payment of $1½ billion in Service Life Insurance dividends will not be the final windfall. Present plans are to pay dividends annually, though payments in future years will be smaller since they will be based on only one year's accumulation of premiums.

President's Message On Pay Adjustments

Washington — Possible pay adjustments for members of the Armed Forces were referred to in President Truman's budget message. Pertinent excerpts are as follows:

"Pay and maintenance of military personnel: A general overhauling of the military pay, allowance, and benefit structure is overdue. Since it is desirable for remuneration of military personnel to be in line with salaries of Federal civilian employees and other comparable groups, a tentative amount for this adjustment has been included in the budget, pending later legislative recommendations."

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"The pay and maintenance for the average of 1,616,000 officers and men on active duty in the fiscal year 1950 will require estimated expenditures of five billion dollars, 38 per cent of all defense expenditures by the National Military Establishment. Expenditures for pay, allowances, subsistence, travel, welfare, training, clothing, and medical care will average about $3,100 per man in the fiscal year 1950."—AFPS.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veteran-students who acquire dependents or additional dependents while in training under the GI Bill should notify Veterans Administration as soon as possible, so that VA can determine whether they are eligible for increased subsistence payments.

Notice of change in dependency status should be sent to the VA regional office in which the veteran's records are kept. The notice should be accompanied by legal evidence of dependents, such as a certified copy of public record of birth, baptism or marriage.

Subsistence payments will be increased as of the date legal evidence is received by VA, and will not be made retroactive to the date the veteran actually acquired the dependent.

Monthly subsistence allowances for veterans studying fulltime in school are $75 for those without dependents, $105 for those with one dependent, and $120 for those with more than one dependent.

Any veteran whose eligibility for GI Bill educations runs out after he completes at least half of a school semester which is normal in cost may complete the remainder of the semester at government expense, Veterans Administration said.

The veteran also will receive subsistence allowances for the remainder of the semester.

Veterans studying under the GI Bill who want to transfer to another school at the end of the winter semester should notify Veterans Administration at least 30 days before they intend to make the change.

To enroll in a new school, VA said, a student-veteran must have a suppplemental certificate of eligibility. He also must have a statement from his present school showing his progress there has been satisfactory.

A veteran may obtain a supplemental certificate of eligibility by applying to the VA regional office where his records are on file.

Question: I have a service-connected disability rated at 20 per cent. Am I entitled to an increase because of dependents?

Answer: No. Your disability must be rated 60 per cent or more before additional compensation for dependents is payable.

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Nationally Known Specialist is Letterman Guest

Dr. Perrin H. Long, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army, was the speaker at a special meeting of the professional staff held here last Thursday. The newer antibiotics was the topic of the address.

Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Commanding General, in presenting Dr. Long to the meeting said in part:

"During the period immediately preceding World War II and during the conflict great strides were made in certain aspects of medicine. This is particularly true with regard to surgical infections, treatment of shock, the use of blood and blood derivatives in restoring body fluids and electrolitic balance. A greeat deal of this was due to the success of antibiotics, particularly penicillin and other agents to combat infection.

"Dr. Long, who is with us today, has long been connected with research and development of preventive medical measures, and during the late war he expended effort and energy in bringing forward measures to save human life."

Dr. Long last visited Letterman just seven years ago to the day, and at that time he was returning from Hawaii where he had gone on the invitation of the Navy to assist in the care of the victims of the Pearl Harbor attack.

He recalled that in response to a telephone call from the Navy he and Dr. Isadore Ravdin made an immediate departure by plane to land in Honolulu without written orders of any kind and he still wonders how he managed to accomplish his mission in the face of the strict security measures then in force.

Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services here, was the Chief of the Surgical Service at Schofield Barracks hospital on that memorable December morning. He and Dr. Long had a lot of reminiscing during the visit here last week.



EASTERN VISITORS

Dr. Perrin H. Long confers with the commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole (right), and the Director of Professional Services, Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton.

Correction

In the last issue of the FOGHORN it was erroneously stated that Colonel Harold R. Gaines had been assigned the command of the Brooke Army Medical Center. It should have read that Colonel Gaines will command Brooke General Hospital, which is one of the divisions of Brooke Army Medical Center. Major General Edward A. Noyes is the commanding general of the Center.

To Celebrate 48th Birthday of ANC Here on Wednesday

Ceremonies commemorating the 48th anniversary of the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps will be held in the main patio here on Wednesday, 2 February at 1330.

The program will open with music by the Letterman band and the Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, will extend a welcome to the gathering. Miss Margaert A. Tracy, Dean, School of Nursing, University of California, and a graduate of the first class of the Army School of Nursing, will be the speaker in extending felicitations to the Army Nurse Corps.

Mr. Eugene Seadler, writer on the KLGH Station of the Armed Forces Radio Service, authored a 15 minute transcribed program to be aired over 20 stations in northern California. The program will include the military march "The March of the White Caps" and the "Nurse's Prayer" as sung by Kate Smith.

Over a coast to coast broadcast on the Kate Smith Hour on Wednesday 2 February there will be held the ceremony of the oath of office in the Nurses Reserve Corps with participants in each of the 48 States. Local station KFRC will carry the program on which Lieutenant Colonel Ruby F. Bryant, Supervising Nurse, Sixth Army, will present two reserve nurses to be sworn into the service by Major Robert F. Bergman of the Northern California Rrecruiting District.

The Army Nurse Corps has vacancies for both reserve and extended active duty nurses in all parts of the country and every effort is being made to acquaint the members of the nursing profession with the advantages of membership in the reserve corps.

The ANC Celebrates 48th Anniversary on 2 February

The Army Nurse Corps, which is almost as old as the century, will celebrate its 48th anniversary next Wednesday, 2 February. The proud history of the oldest women's military organization began officially in 1901, but women nurses, though not a part of the Army at that time, have served at Letterman since the hospital was organized during the Spanish-American War fifty years ago.

At that time nurses were hired on contract. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, director of the Hospital Corps of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was given the responsibility of passing on the qualifications of nurses who sought appointment as contract nurses. Only graduate nurses endorsed by their schools were accepted, thus assuring a high standard of professional competence. These nurses received $30 a month, plus rations, and Dr. McGee's recruiting efforts were so successful that within two weeks of taking office, she had a force of 1200 nurses. During the time the nurses were on contract status they served not only in the United States, but also in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines, China and Japan.

It became imperative that the status of the Army nurse be officially regulated, and Dr. McGee herself wrote the section of the Army Reorganization Bill dealing with the Army Nurse Corps. This bill was passed 2 February 1901, and made the Corps a part of the Medical Department.

The following month, on 15 March, Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, a former contract nurse, was appointed as the first Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps. At this time 176 nurses remained in the Corps, of whom 43 were on duty here at Letterman, 96 in the Philippines, with the others in Cuba, at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and Fort McDowell, California. By 1904 the Corps had decreased to 81 nurses, who were on duty at eight Army hospitals.

In 1912 the authorized strength of the Corps was 125, and the enrolled nurses of the American Red Cross Nursing Service constituted the reserves. The monthly pay had been increased from $30 to $40 a month. By June 1915 there were 150 nurses in the Corps, serving at ten hospitals. At the beginning of the European phase of World War I, two Army nurses were assigned to each of the six Army transports detailed to bring Americans back to the United States.



Colonel MARY G. PHILLIPS, ANC
Chief of the Army Nurse Corps since 1947. This year Colonel Phillips will complete 20 years of service as an Army nurse.

Shortly after the entrance of the U. S. into the war, there were 1176 nurses on duty, and by June of 1918 there were over 12,000 members of the ANC, of whom 500 were overseas. They served in Italy, France, Belgium and Siberia. That year the army school of nursing was established at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., and base pay was increased to $60 a month.

In recognition of their outstanding work in World War 1, relative rank for members of the Army Nurse Corps was provided by Congress in an amendment to the National Defense Act on 4 June 1920, giving them the status of officers, though the pay and allowances were not the same as for the men. The Act stated the standing of nurses as follows: "As regards medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties they shall have authority in and about military hospitals next after officers of the Medical Department."

By June of 1920 the Corps had demobilized from 9,616 to 1,551, and from then until 1937 the strength of the ANC fluctuated from a low of 605 to a high of 807. The progress of the organization is revealed in a letter from Surgeon General Ireland to Superintendent Jula C. Stimson, who had served in that capacity since 1917, upon her retirement in 1937:

"During your time, you secured for the members of your Corps a recognition in the Army second to none of the various Services. You have kept the Corps in touch with your profession in civil life. You have improved living conditions so that it is a joy for the members of your Corps to carry on their work . . . I feel that there is no nursing organization in the world that has the attractive standing that the Army Nurse Corps has today."

The strength of the Corps again increased beginning with the declaration of the National Emergency in 1939, and during World War II the growth of the Corps was phenomenal :1940—1657; 1941—7262; 1942—21,257; 1943—36,607; 1944—39,000; 1945 (the peak)—57,000. In May of 1945 these 57,000 nurses were on duty in over 1000 hospitals, of which 454 hospitals were in the United States and 615 in overseas theaters.

The history of the Army Nurse Corps in World War II is well known. Nurses served on Bataan and Corregidor, and 63 were held prisoner at Santo Tomas for three years. Army nurses served the world over evacuating patients by train and plane and ship; they were with combat troops at Anzio and Normandy in field and evacuation hospitals. Sixteen lost their lives as a result of enemy action. Approximately one out of every 40 nurses in the Corps (a total of 1619) were decorated. These decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Ribbon.

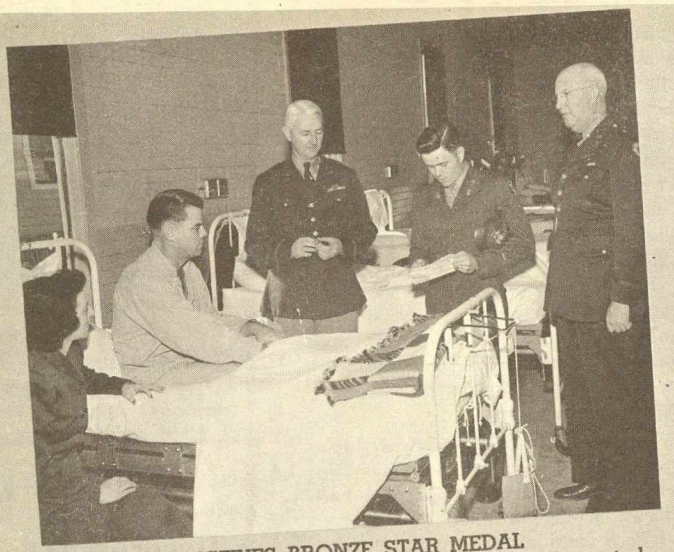
Julia O. Flikke, who served as Superintendent of the Corps from 1937 until 1943, was the first woman to be given an AUS commission as full colonel. In 1944 a bill was passed which gave real instead of relative rank to officers of the ANC for the duration of the war, and in 1947 Army nurses were given permanent commissioned status in the Regular Army. Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, ANC, who succeeded Colonel Flikke, was the first woman to be given a permanent commission as Colonel in the Regular Army. Present Superintendent of the ANC is Colonel Mary G. Phillips, who became the second member of the Corps to wear the eagles of a full colonel when she was sworn in as chief in 1947, upon the retirement of Colonel Blanchfield.

Under the bill giving permanent commissioned rank to members of the ANC, Army nurses have the same pay and allowances as male officers. They have retirement privileges, retirement sick leave and hospital care, plus annual leave, and of course that always much-envied opportunity to travel while on the job.

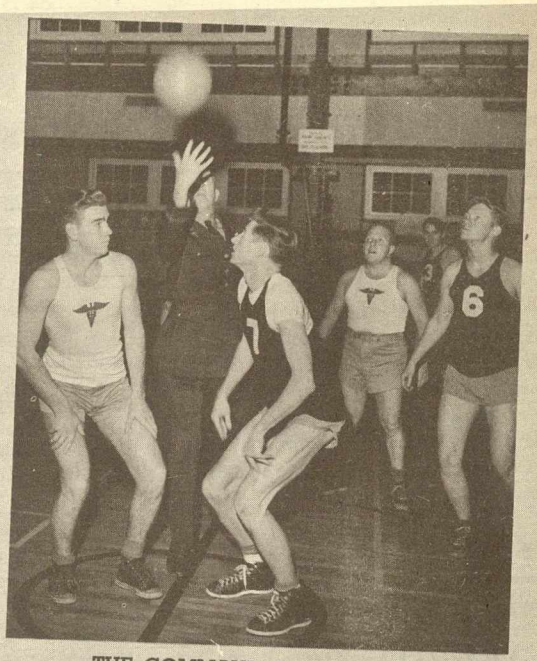
Following the end of World War II, the strength of the Corps again

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



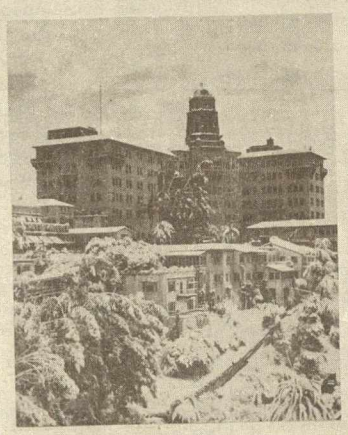
RECEIVES BRONZE STAR MEDAL
M-Sgt. Roger L. Whittlesey, patient on ward 42, is decorated with the bronze star for combat service in Italy by Brig. Gen. Frederic B. Butler. L to R: Mrs. Whittlesey, Sgt. Whittlesey, General Butler, 1st Lieut. Walter Root, Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, LGH commandant.



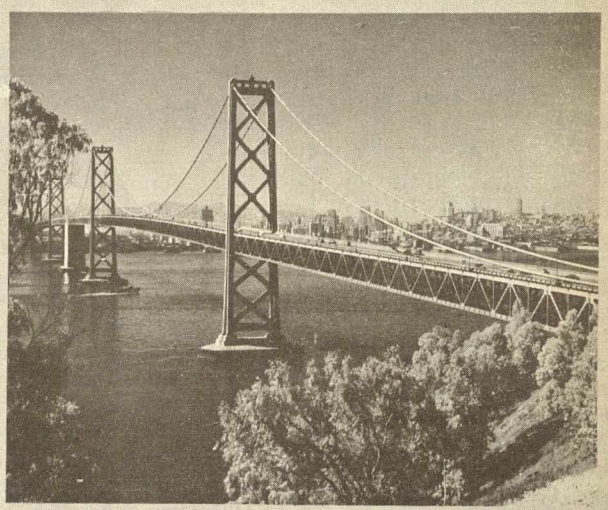
THE COMMANDING GENERAL
tosses the ball into play at the first game of the LGH Inter-Detachment Basketball League.



AWARD FOR SUGGESTION
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presents a cash award to Mrs. Gwen Skopin of the Detachment of Patients for her work improvement idea, while Ray V. Shine, Director of Civilian Personnel, looks on approvingly.



OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH
That once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon--snow in Pasadena--lends an extra decorative touch to the surroundings of McCornack General Hospital.



SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE
Looking toward San Francisco from Yerba Buena Island. One of the shots of the seven - milespan taken by LGH patients on a recent O. T. field trip with their instructor, Sergeant Sally Craig.

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EDITORIAL

TRIBUTE

"I shall bring to the American soldier wherever he may be the best of my knowledge and professional skill." These words from the pledge of the Army nurse are eloquent testimony of the accomplishment of the Army Nurse Corps throughout the 48 years of its existence.

On 2 February 1901 the ANC officially became a part of the Medical Department, and next Wednesday members of the Corps here at Letterman and all over the world, wherever Army nurses are stationed, will celebrate the 48th anniversary of that event.

More than 100,000 nurses have served in the ANC since it was militarized in 1901 and nearly 1,000 nurses served in a civilian status during the Spanish-American War. Since then Army nurses have performed their duties in the years of peace and during two World Wars with distinction to their profession and with outstanding loyalty and devotion.

Members of the Army Nurse Corps, both active and retired, have a right to be proud of that record, and a right to share in the tribute paid them on this 48th anniversary by those with whom they have worked in the Medical Department and by a grateful nation.



After more than three years at Letterman (she came here in August 1945) First Lieut. **Muriel M. Taylor,** ANC, is making preparations for a move. At present she is enjoying a 30-day leave, and upon her return she will leave for her new duty station, the Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Washington.

Captain **Velma Richardson,** chief dietitian, had First Lieut. **Elizabeth Alexander,** WMSC, as her house guest for the past week. It was Lieutenant Alexander's first trip to San Francisco, and Captain Richardson saw to it that she was properly impressed with the beauties of the city. Lieutenant Alexander is dietitian at the station hospital, Fort Lawton, Washington.

First Lieut. **Beatrice Sandhoff** of Physical Therapy has just returned from a month's leave in the snowy southland, otherwise known as Los Angeles.

The sympathy of her friends at Letterman goes to Captain **Winifred Hughes,** ANC, who was called home to Philadelphia because of the death of her brother.

First Lieut. **Margaret Graham,** ANC, who is at present enjoying leave in Santa Barbara, will be leaving for duty in Puerto Rico upon her return. Her station will be U. S. Army Forces, Antilles, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Three Letterman nurses who are at present on hospital train duty will have delays en route which will give them time to visit their homes before their return. First Lieut. **Esther M. Anderson,** ANC, whose train destination is Walter Reed General Hospital, will have a 30-day leave at home in Bridgeport, Conn.; First Lieut. **Jessie Morgan,** ANC, going to Fitzsimons, will spend 20 days in Sterling, Colo., and First Lieut. **Helen McCloskey,** ANC, after going to Brooke and Oliver General Hospitals, will go to Dover, Delaware, for 10 days.

WAC

Sergeant **Sally Craig** deserves congratulations and a credit line for the picture in the Women's World Section of last Sunday's San Francisco Chronicle which illustrates the story titled "The Distaff Side of the Peacetime Army: WACs Are Career Girls." The picture was taken in the Sixth Army WAC dayroom, but the photographer was from LGH.

Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** of barracks 212 started the week off by enlisting in the Regular Army. She was discharged from the AUS Saturday and sworn into the Regular Army Sunday.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** spent the week end visiting two friends in Richmond whom she had known while stationed at Dugway, Utah. Should auld acquaintance be forgot—never!

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** is back to duty after her stay in the hospital and a leave in Oregon. She is currently assigned to the Information Office and reports that already she likes her job very much.

Another detachment member who is fairly new to the Information Office is Sergeant **Edna Carrick,** previously assigned to Medical Supply.

Sergeant **Betty Stahl,** still on patient status, is on ward G-1. Visitors welcome . . . here's hoping she comes back "home" to barracks 214 in the very near future.

WAC team No. 1 is still tops in the Women's Bowling League, having won thirteen games out of eighteen. WAC team No. 2 is in second place, with ten wins and eight defeats. Captain **Minnie Young** has the highest game and average in the league. High game is 201, and her average is 157.

Seen around the WAC area: Sergeant **Jane "Tommy" Jones** and Sergeant **Pauline Smith** dashing over to the dayroom to listen to new records and pass judgment on same; Corporal **Rose Casilio** either washing out the coffee-pot, making coffee, or in the process of drinking it; the three remaining WACs in the squadroom on Saturday night getting ready for an evening of baby-sitting.

Without earnestness no man is ever great, or does really great things. He may be the cleverest of men; he may be brilliant, entertaining, popular; but he will want weight. No soul-moving picture was ever painted that had not in it depth of shadow.—**Peter Bayne.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 30, January 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

M-Sgt. Whittlesey Receives Bronze Star Decoration

Master Sergeant Roger L. Whittlesey, amputee patient on ward 42, was decorated with the Bronze Star medal this week by Brigadier General Frederic B. Butler, commanding general of the Central Military District, Sixth Army. Brigadier General Frank L .Cole, Letterman's commandant, was present at the ceremony, which took place on the ward, and the others who attended were Mrs. Whittlesey, Major Donald E. Cowan, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Oakland Public Schools, who is Sergeant Whittlesey's commanding officer, and Major Kermit H. Gruberg, MC, ward officer.

First Lieut. Walter Root, General Butler's aide, read the citation from the Adjutant General, which stated:

"By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9414, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy to Master Sergeant (then First Sergeant) Roger L. Whittlesey, 20 803 293, 141st Infantry, during the Naples-Foggia Campaign in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations."

Sergeant Whittlesey, who has been in the Army for 16 years, came to Letterman as a patient in December. He had been on duty as a military instructor at Oakland High School. He and his wife Marie have two children, Roger Lee, Jr., three years old, and Ethel Marie, seven months.

Corporal **Emilio Abeyta,** the "old reliable work horse," is down in southern California after having taken a patient to Los Angeles.

DO YOU KNOW?



Miss
ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON
Ward Secretary, D-2

When Elizabeth Williamson (nicknamed Bambi) came to Letterman last July she was returning to familiar ground, since she had served here as a WAC during 1945 and 1946. Except for the time spent in training at Fort Oglethorpe, LGH was her once and only duty station while she was in the Corps.

She worked on the wards as a medical technician, worked at Crissy when the liberated prisoners of war were returning, and was also in the message center for a time. Her civilian duties now are on the Orthopedic Service, and she is secretary on ward D-2, which she refers to as a "wonderful ward."

Born in Palo Alto, she has lived also in southern California, Berkeley, San Mateo, New York City, and San Francisco. She attended New York University for a year, then finished at Pomona College in Claremont, Califorina, where her main interests were English, dramatics and psychology. After her graduation she returned to New York and did secretarial work at the NYC Psychiatric Institute and at Babies Hospital, Presbyterian Medical Center.

Bambi got homesick for California and returned during the war. She worked for the Red Cross and in the shipyards, across the Bay at Marinship. She joined the WAC in the spring of 1945 and was discharged in November, 1946.

In her off-duty hours Bambi has taken part in little threatre productions, and she enjoys playing the guitar. She has recently acquired her great-grandmother's guitar which has given new impetus to her interest because it has a much better tone than the instrument she was using.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Master Sergeant **Dante Scotti,** patient on ward K-2, was very happy about his 800-calory diet (by means of which he has lost 20 pounds), and wasn't fudging about it, either. Then one day last week his father, who has a bakery here in San Francisco, brought in a big box of luscious French pastry. Thereupon Scotti proved that he has a strong will. He didn't eat any pastry himself, but treated his fellow patients on the ward, and resignedly went on stuffing the felt turtle he was making, instead of stuffing himself.

Captain **Gerald Moultrie** of ward D-2, recently returned from a 30-day leave, says it's good to be back again mowing people down on the ramp in his wheelchair. He prefers feminine victims, it says here.

Chaplain (Major) **William S. Behrick,** patient on ward B-1, has been turning wood forms on the lathe in the Occupational Therapy Shop, using old bowling pins—he says he gets good maple wood that way. He has also turned out plaster molds for ceramic lamp bases and vases.

Major **Harold Higgins,** who was strictly a bed patient when he first came to Letterman last November, has made such good strides toward recovery that he's reported as the wonder of ward D-2, being completely ambulatory again.

A. A. Swain, veteran patient on ward 42, has practically worked up a business making wool Scottie dogs. He learned how from Arts and Skills personnel, and now buys his own material and turns the Scotties out in quantity.

Captain **George Bryan,** recently discharged from the hospital, was back one day this week to visit his old friends on ward D-2.

Sergeant **George Rife** and Sergeant **Bruce Gibson,** both patients on ward 27, are fast becoming ambitious rug weavers, and it's anybody's guess how many finished products they'll have underfoot before their enthusiasm wanes. Of course it may not wane, they may continue to be eager weavers from now on.

First Lieut. **Harry Lawlor** and **Morris Loughran,** veteran, moved recently from ward D-2 to E-1, where they share a room of which elegance is the keynote. Afternoon tea is served daily, there is a sign on the door that asks for "Quiet, please—gentlemen sleeping," and it is whispered that as a result they have now definitely transferred their allegiance from D-2 to E-1.

In spite of his alleged desire to take the GED (General Educational Development) tests as soon as possible, Corporal **James Palmere,** patient on ward 2, kept putting the matter off, presumably because he was studying. However, there are those who go so far as to doubt that the constant study of the game of pinochle will be of much help in passing the tests. But this week he abandoned the game temporarily and took the exams, fortified by the good wishes of his pinochle-playing pals.

Donald Artimez, veteran and former longtime Letterman patient, is back again, this time on ward E-1. He has been attending school since he left LGH, learning typewriter and business machine repair, and now has only one more year to go before he finishes his studies.

Sergeant First Class **Harry Swan,** patient on ward M-2, is hard at work making a plastic back scratcher. The first model is being made om scrap material, but the final version will be of black plastic. Before beginning the project, Swan got plenty of technical advice from the Chinese wardmaster on ward M-2, Herman Young, who told him the back scratcher should have four fingers, not five.

Master Sergeant **Thomas Woolridge,** patient on ward K-2, is such a big help on the ward that he's considered the star patient in that respect. He is now in the Air Force, but since he's been at Letterman 3's become so interested in what goes on here that he says he intends to ask for a transfer to the Medical Department. If he gets the transfer, he hopes to be assigned to duty on ward K-2.

Model of industry on ward D-2 is Captain **Stephen Hackett,** who is at present busy making a cord belt and a set of place mats as well.

From Korea

First Lieut. Albert Raby, Jr., formerly stationed at Letterman and now in Korea, has recently been appointed trial judge advocate of the 7th Division General Court there. He writes that he still misses Letterman, but keeps up with LGH news because a friend here sends him the Fog Horn.

ON THE SPOT



ALBIA K. PHILLIPS
Private First Class

Pfc. Albia K. Phillips has been working to provide entertainment and recreation for Lettermanites for the past two years. It has been part of his job with Special Services to help with the arrangements for shows in the Recreation Hall and on the wards.

Phil (no one but his wife calls him Albia) was born in Fort Mead, Florida—a town, not an Army post. His family moved to Pound, Virginia, when he was a youngster, and he grew up and went to school there.

He enlisted in the Army for a three-year period in July 1946, and was sent to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for basic training. He then was sent to Camp Stoneman for shipment overseas, but after being there for nearly three months he was transferred to Letterman instead.

Here he was first assigned to Medical Supply where he worked in the warehouse and later in the office. He was then transferred to the laundry, and remained on duty there for a few months.

His next assignment was with Special Services, where he has been ever since. Since Phil has been there he says he has worked at just about all the jobs done in that office. At present he is in charge of the bowling alley during the evening and works in the office during the day.

Last November Phil married a girl he met since he came to San Francisco. He says it was the old story of love at first sight, and he is now happily established in the role of benedick. Phil likes life in the Army and plans to re-enlist next summer when his present hitch is up.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Betsy Funston will no longer play the role of commuter. After two years duty at Letterman she has transferred to Hamilton Field which is near her home in Marin County. She was formerly in Physical Medicine. She takes with her the best wishes of all her friends here.

Being skiing enthusiasts, **Margaret Finnigan** of the Hospital Train Unit and **Katherine O'Shea** of the Hospital Inspector's office were two girls that were glad to see the snow. They recently enjoyed a week end at Truckee and spent their time indulging in their favorite sport.

Latest report on **Louise Smith** of the Sick & Wounded office is that she will soon leave the hospital but will not be able to return to work for some time.

Joe Schick of the Pharmacy, also on the sick list, is making favorable progress in his recuperation at home after a long stay in the hospital.

Evelyn Hodgin of the Pay Roll office is receiving many compliments on her new hair do.

Mildred Horton of the Out-Patient Service resigned to take up the duties of home making and **Delight Frye** leaves the Laundry and Letterman to join her husband at his new station in southern California. **Margaret Cummings** recently resigned from the Grounds & Maintenance office.

Five civilian nurses have been added to the Letterman force. They are **Ophelia Manus, Cheryl Bishop, Ida Marie Alfather, Janet Christe,** and **Catherine Heesacker.**

Loretta Stoltman is the latest addition in the Out-Patient Service and **Elise Gardner** has returned to the Registrar's office after an absence of almost three years. Mrs. **Mildred Bryan** has transferred from the Occupational Therapy Department to Physical Therapy.

Josephine Giacciarini of the laundry can now be addressed as Mrs. **Benjamin Hill.** The wedding took place in Reno, Nevada on January 15. She held a cocktail party for the employees of the Laundry after the wedding announcements went out and everyone who attended agreed it was a lovely party. The newlyweds will make their home in San Francisco.

Shopper: "How much are potatoes worth now?"

Clerk: "No more than they ever were, ma'am, but they cost six times as much."

TWO WEEK TOUR OF LGH ACTIVITIES IS HER PRELUDE TO ASSIGNMENT



Captain MARY ELIZABETH NELSON, MSC
Newly arrived at Letterman for duty.

Back in the Women's Army Corps after a three-year interval of civilian life, Captain Mary Elizabeth Nelson, MSC, asked for station at Letterman. She arrived last week, and is now about to complete a two-week period of briefing in the various professional and administrative aspects of the work done here at LGH. She expects to be assigned to specific duties next week.

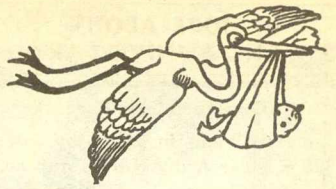
Although Captain Nelson's previous tour of duty in the WAC did not include any hospital assignments, she is no stranger to hospital work, having spent six years in the interior of China, at Yeungkung, where she handled the administrative work in a missionary hospital of the Presbyterian Church.

She is a native of Freeport, Illinois, was graduated from the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, and taught kindergarten at Urbana for a year before she went to China. After leaving China in 1937 she spent some time in Europe, visiting Italy, Switzerland and France, and lived for six months in Vienna.

Upon her return to the United States she made her home in Portland, Oregon, doing advertising work on the Portland Journal, then in February of 1943 she enlisted in the WAC. After completing basic and OCS at Des Moines, she was assigned to recruiting duty in Portland. Later she did Army-War Advertising Council liaison work in the Ninth Service Command area, and was stationed in San Francisco. In 1945 she was assigned to the Adjutant General's office in the Pentagon, and worked on the Clemency Board, Correction Division, where court martial cases were reviewed.

After receiving her discharge from the WAC in March 1946 she became the wife of Earl S. Nelson, Portland attorney, and returned to Portland to live. A few months ago Mr. Nelson passed away, and this month Captain Nelson again joined the WAC.

She was active in volunteer Red Cross work in Portland, and as chairman of ARC social welfare aides during the Vanport disaster last year she worked 18-hour shifts helping the victims of the flood and telephoning long distance to their anxious relatives.



To Captain and Mrs. Martin W. Terlap, a girl, **Katherine Ann,** born 8 January.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond L. Smith, a girl, **Nina May,** born 8 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, a girl, **Robin Leslie,** born 8 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. James Fotinos, a girl, **Rosalie Angela,** born 9 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Leo C. Stevenson, a boy, **John Raymond,** born 9 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. James M. Nichols, a boy, **Thomas Marshall,** born 10 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Henry T. Peters, a boy, **Robert Diedrick,** born 10 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William H. Brown, a girl, **Barbara Ann,** born 11 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Mateo, a boy, **Roger,** born 11 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. James F. Giles, a boy, **Robert Lee,** born 12 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Murval F. Specht, a boy, **Michael Steven,** born 1 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert Stewart, Jr., a boy, **Robert III,** born 13 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Wagner W. Dick, a boy, **Robert Warner,** born 14 January.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Marvin H. Hoxtell, a girl, **Rudi Marlene,** born 15 **January.**

To Capt. and Mrs. William W. Cobb, Sr., a boy, **William Warren, Jr.,** born 15 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Jimmy G. Meares, a girl, **Barbara Ann,** born 15 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold W. Orr, a girl, **Judith Carol,** born 16 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Robert . Blazer, a girl, **Stephanie Lee,** born 16 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Daniel W. Jopling, a boy, **Michel Laban,** born 16 January.

MORE ABOUT ANC ANNIVERSARY

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decreased, and in 1948 there were 925 Regular Army Nurses and nearly 4000 Reserve and AUS nurses on active duty. At present almost 10,000 nurses have been appointed in the ANC Reserve who have signified their willingness to serve their country in the event of a national emergency. It is expected that this number will be increased to 29,000. Openings are also available for Reserve nurses on extended active duty and for Reserve nurses to join the Regular Army.

A procurement program is now under way to secure additional nurses for duty in Army and Air Force hospitals, and the civilian nursing profession is cooperating through the national professional membership organization, the American Nurses' Association. It is estimated that 3800 nurses will be needed by 30 June of this year.

The Surgeon General's office points out that this is the first time in the history of the nation that a profesional group has volunteered to procure the numbers of its own group needed for national security. The American Nurses' Association is cooperating not only to meet the military need for nurses, but also for the specific purpose of preventing a dislocation in the available supply of nurses in all parts of the country for civilian service.

"Both the American Nurses' Association and the Surgeon General want to assure the professional nurses of America and the civilian community," said Miss Pearl McIver, president of the association, "that under the terms of the new procurement program there will be no upset in the proper balance between civilian and military patient nurse care."

Members of the Army Nurse Corps may well feel themselves proud to be a part of an organization with such a praiseworthy record of achievement as has been attained by the Corps during these past 48 years.

Master Sergeant **Don L. Hicks** lost no time going on that slightly delayed re-enlistment leave. Just as he was ready to go before, he suddenly turned up in the hospital, but nothing serious developed, and now he is on his way again.

LETTERMAN WELCOMES FATHER LAVERY AS NEW ASSISTANT POST CHAPLAIN



Chaplain (Captain) EUGENE L. LAVERY
New Assistant Post Chaplain.

If there is anyone at Letterman who has a yen to chat in the language known as Ki-Swaheli, then Chaplain (Captain) Eugene L. Lavery is his man. Chaplain Lavery, who recently arrived at LGH to assume the duties of assistant post chaplain, became proficient in Ki-Swaheli during his nine years in British East Africa as a missionary priest of the Holy Ghost order. While in the mission field he did both mountain climbing and big game hunting, and speaks casually of shooting such animals as the zebra, wildbeeste, kongoni and gazelle. His mission was in Tanganyika Territory, near Kilimanjaro (White Mountain), and he climbed to its summit, which is 19,710 feet high.

Father Lavery was born in Monaca, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Bridgeport, Conn. In studying for the priesthood he attended junior seminary at Cornwell's Heights, Pa., spent his novitiate at Ridgefield, Conn., attended senior seminary near Norwalk, Conn., and was graduated from Duquesne University at Pittsburgh. He was ordained as a member of the Holy Ghost order at St. Mary's Ferndale, Conn. Shortly after his ordination he left for Africa.

He came into the Army in 1943, attended officers school in Cairo, Egypt, and was chaplain at the 38th General Hospital there for a short time. He spent nearly a year as Port chaplain at Suez, then went to Asmara, Eritrea, in June 1944 as chaplain for the base command, remaining until January 1946. While on temporary duty with troops in Saudi Arabia, Father Lavery said Mass in that country, and was the first priest to celebrate Mass there since apostolic times, since any kind of Christian worship has been forbidden by the Moslems.

When he returned to the States in 1946, Father Lavery was stationed at Pratt General Hospital, and says that going to Florida after 12 years in Africa was "just like going to another foreign country." He received his discharge from the Army in 1947, and went to the Ridgefield, Conn., house of his order as novicemaster, serving in that capacity until he again became a member of the Army Chaplain Corps this month and came to duty at Letterman.

Inter-Detachment Basketball League Inaugurated Here

First games of the Inter-Detachment Basketball League took place Monday evening at the Letterman Sports Center, and Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, demonstrated his versatility by taking the referee's position and tossing the ball into play for the opening tip-off. The new league's activities are scheduled through the next two months.

The group has been aptly nicknamed "The Aches and Pains League" because, though the action was fast and furious on opening night, some members of the detachment were slowed to a faltering walk on Tuesday morning. In the curtain raiser Special Services breezed through Hospital Train Section 47-27, as Pfc. Mike O'Toole led the scoring with 10 points. The second game brought together Physical Reconditioning and Supply Division. After a hard-fought defensive battle Physical Reconditioning, paced by Pfc. Chuck Gibson's 8 points, outlasted Supply to win 24-12. Next Monday's game brings together Special Services and Physical Reconditioning and Barracks 272 and the Supply Division.

In the final game of the evening, which saw the lead change hands seven times in the final four minutes, and finish in a tie, Letterman's Varsity defeated the All-Coast Auto Trim Company team in a five minute overtime period, 53-51. This makes a total of six games in the past two weeks in which the Lettermen have shaded their opponents by two points or less, and it is typical of the exciting brand of basketball played in the Army Bay Area League.

Master Sergeant **Fred Creech** and Pfc.**James C. Phelps** were last seen going toward Oregon with plenty of K rations and overcoats. The boys are escorting a patient back to Roseburg, and didn't want to be caught short during this cold weather, just in case.

Two ways to turn a man's head are to rustle money or a skirt.

SIDINGS TIDINGS

Sergeant First Class **John M. Cook** returned from his re-enlistment furlough last week and found a new job waiting for him. Seems that during his absence Master Sergeant **Irving Hulsey** had made a few plans of his own, and now Sergeant Cook is the new first sergeant.

Well, the hospital trains pulled out again last week, and as usual there were many smiles and lots of scowls. Seems like some of these natives of California will never learn to love the snow and vice versa, but all agreed that this was a nice group of patients, and everyone was happy to see them get to hospitals nearer their homes.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Five "helpful hints" for veterans who wish to reinstate lapsed National Service Life Insurance term policies were offered today by Insurance Service of Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii).

They are:

1. If possible, the policy should be reinstated before it has been lapsed longer than three months. In most cases, early reinstatements make qualifying physical examinations unnecessary.

2. All questions on the reinstatement application should be answered. Failure to do so mean a delay in regaining insurance protection.

3. The application must be dated. If not dated, it is not valid.

4. The application must be mailed to VA within five days. If the postmark is later than five days of the application, a new form will be required.

5. Two monthly payments required for reinstatement must accompany the application. Without premium payments, VA cannot reinstate the insurance.

Question: When is a Certificate of Eligibility from VA for loan guarantee purposes necessary?

Answer: It is necessary when the veteran is unable to furnish the lender with his original discharge papers, or when his period of service was less than 90 days, or when his service was in the armed forces of a government allied with the United States in World War II.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Unification in practice: Appointed marshal of the Inaugural Parade, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Omar N. Bradley immediately invited Admiral Louis E. Denfield, Chief of Naval Operations, and Air Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, to share the honor position.

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The Air Force has allocated 762 master sergeant vacancies and 1,521 technical sergeant grades to the major commands for the purpose of making promotions.

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The Army has directed commanders of all echelons to take effective steps to conserve supplies and equipment.

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The Army Judge Advocate General's Department will be redesignated the Judge Advocate General's Corps, effective February 1.

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The Army has banned the marriage to German girls of enlisted personnel below the grade of sergeant in Germany.

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New Army-Air Force regulations authorized only three stores for the sale of officers' clothing and equipage. One is at West Point, one at Philadelphia, and the third at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington. Clothing and equipment also may be obtained by mail order from the Philadelphia depot.

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Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, has joined the Board of Trustees of Pacific War Memorial, Inc., which is establishing memorials in the Pacific Islands in the form of scientific research field stations.

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The Air Force has established a board on correction of records, which will hold hearings and make necessary investigations incidental to corrections and removal of injustices affecting personnel records.

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Sen. Millard E. Tydings (Md.) Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has introduced a bill providing for universal training of qualified young men.

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Extra pay of enlisted personnel employed on a voluntary basis in spare time for activities operated with non-appropriated funds, will be subject to withholding of income tax, under an Army-Air Force ruling.

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The 81st Congress will be asked for a special appropriation of $100,000 to implement the War Claims Commission established last year. American war prisoners who were not treated in accordance with international treaties may collect claims as high as $1,300. The F.Y. 1950 budget provides $600,000 to continue the work.

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A new discharge button has been designed for young men who serve a year or more in the Army after December, 1946. It represents a Revolutionary Minute Man in gold-colored metal on a red enamel disk surrounded by 16 pointed gold rays. It will be available in Post Exchanges.

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Approximately 700 "oldtimers" of the Philippine Scouts will be given Regular Army status to permit completion of their U.S. Army careers as the Scouts pass from U.S. jurisdiction as a result of the new Philippine independence.

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The Army has closed two large training camps, Camp Pickett, Va., and Camp Breckinridge, Ky., effective January 17.

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Army promotion boards to recommend appointment of permanent colonels will meet on or about February 1.

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If the Fiscal Year 1950 budget is enacted as submitted, the Army will be increased by only 15,000 men next year, or from 662,000 to 677,000. The Air Force, now at 411,000 will go to 412,273, an increase of about 1,000. The Navy and Marine Corps would drop 4,000 men.

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Although Army and Air Corps strengths originally planned for F.Y. 1950 will not be realized if the budget is passed "as is," the appropriation for pay of Armed Services personnel will show an increase due to the new warrant officer program and up-grading under the Career Plan.

Changes in Courts-Martial System Effective 1 Feb.

Army-wide changes in the courts-martial system will become effective next week on 1 February, and by that time more than 1000 Sixth Army officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the top three grades will have completed classes in military justice, according to General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commandant.

During January 200 military personnel attended these classes at the Presidio. Throughout the remainder of the year all military personnel in the Sixth Army area below the rank of general officer will be instructed in military justice until competent to serve on a military tribunal.

Hailed by military and civilian leaders as insuring for the United States the broadest and fairest system of military justice in the world, the new procedures will provide many far-reaching changes.

One of the most publicized features of the new system will be the appointment of enlisted personnel to serve on military courts when the accused so requests in writing and prior to the trial. In such cases one-third of the court will be made up of enlisted personnel of a grade higher than that of the accused.

One of the primary aims of the changes is to insure that competent personnel conduct courts-martial. To this end a member of the Judge Advocate General department or a qualified officer with legal training or experience certified by that department will sit on all general courts as the law member to give advice to the court on questions of law.

Another important change in the court-martial procedure provides an officer now may be tried by special (intermediate) courts-martial, although such courts may not adjudge confinement or dismissal from the service.

A sentence of death or life imprisonment is no longer mandatory upon conviction of charges of murder or rape. Nor is dismissal from the service in the case of an officer found drunk on duty during time of war.

It is anticipated that intensive training of all military personnel in military justice will assure a more competent conduct of military courts.

Private: "You brag about your ability to judge people by their dress—what about that little blonde over on the beach?"

Pfc.: "Insufficient evidence."

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Veteran Officers May Qualify for RA Commissions

Former officers with wartime service in any of the Armed Forces are eligible to apply for direct appointments as second lieutenants in the Regular Army under a new officer procurement program, it has been announced by Sixth Army headquarters.

Eligibility requirements include one year of commissioned service in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945, or equivalent service with the United States Health Service on wartime duty with the Army or Navy, or with the Coast and Geodetic Survey Service under specified military authorization during the war.

Age limits are between 21 and 27 years, although in certain cases credit allowed for active duty in wartime and since 31 December 1947 will permit apopintments of qualified individuals up to their 30th birthdays.

Applicants must also have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, although applications will be accepted now from individuals who will be graduated prior to 30 June 1949. A waiver will be considered for applicants having 120 or more semester hours gained through attendance at an accredited institution, even though they have not received a degree.

Appointments under this program will be in addition to those offered to distinguished military graduates of the Senior Division, ROTC, and to selected applicants of the competitive tour program already under way. Applications must be postmarked prior to 30 April 1949. This new program makes it possible for former officers from any of the services who have finished college under the GI Bill of Rights to apply their wartime service to a career in the Regular Army.

This new officer procurement program is one of several procurement projects by which the Army is building up its officer staff. This is the first time that direct Regular Army commissions have been made available to former officers of the other services.



LECTURED HERE THIS WEEK

Colonel James O. Gillespie, MC, Chief of Letterman's Medical Service, talks with Dr. F. G. Young, London scientist who gave a series of lectures here on experimental diabetes.

New AF Uniform For All Airmen By Sept., 1950

(AFPS)—A new and distinctive slate-blue uniform has been prescribed for the Air Force and all airmen, commissioned and enlisted, will be wearing it by 1 September 1950.

The uniform, the Air Force said, has been approved by President Truman, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal and W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force. It also has the "full agreement" of John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy, and Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, the Service added.

With its new garb, unlike that of any of the other armed forces in color, the Air Force gains additional status as an independent and coequal member of the Services, a status it received officially a little more than a year ago under the National Security Act of 1947.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the change for the entire Air Force, which has always worn khaki, the Service disclosed that, beginning with the new classes forming 4 April, cadets would return to the medium-blue uniforms they wore until wartime khaki supplanted them in 1942. Khaki will continue to be the cadets' summer garb.

The cadets' restored uniform will consist of a light blue poplin shirt, a dark blue necktie, a garrison or service cap with oxidized silver insignia, and black socks and black shoes. The service coat of medium blue will be single-breasted with four pockets and silver buttons. Trousers will be of the same shade of blue.

The Human Values and Decencies We Try to Live By

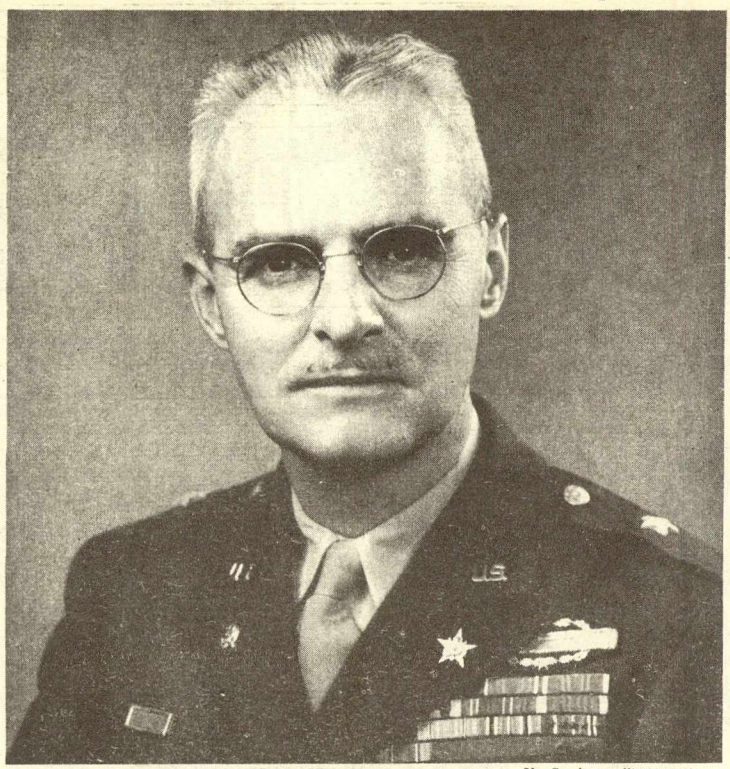
(From an article by Brigadier General C. T. Lanham, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, in the "Army Information Digest for January 1949.)

In time of peace a free society regards its Army with distaste and often with suspicion. This is normal, for an Army by its very structure is the antithesis of everything held dear by a democratic community. It is authoritarian; nor can it compromise with that principle if it is to survive on the field of battle. Its leaders are necessarily vested with great power and are therefore constantly subject to the corroding and corrupting influences that attend personal power. Its men, in their own interest and in the national interest, must acquire the habit of obedience or suffer for it, a process unfavorably known as regimentation. And finally, a free people do not relish in their midst the incredible destructive power that is unavoidably concentrated in the military establishment — a power so vast, so awful that the human mind staggers with disbelief in its presence.

These, then, are the facts—facts that the most skillful apologist can not evade. And facts they shall remain so long as an infantile world society clings to its tribal totems and invokes organized force as its ultimate arbiter.

These very real fears have repeatedly led us in previous times of peace to reduce our Army to a state of impotence, wall it up in isolated and forgotten garrisons handed down from frontier days, and then wipe it from our minds—and from our consciences. An Army can not thrive on Burke's prescription for the colonies—salutary neglect. An Army abandoned by the clergy, ignored by education, pilloried by the press, and forsaken by the civil community will inevitably degenerate professionally and rot morally. This has happened before. We must not let it happen again, for in addition to the social evils implicit in such miasmic conditions, our military weakness invites external forces to destroy the very values we had sought by this deliberate policy to safeguard.

Surely then, since Utopia has not yet arrived, we must support and sustain an Army adequate to the evils of the day. And since such an Army will of necessity embrace great numbers of our young men, we must see that this substantial period of their lives is not spent in a civic vacuum, in an educational wasteland, in a moral slum. It is clear, therefore, that our obligation transcends the traditional military concept that our sole duty is to provide the Republic with a body of trained fighting men. We must provide those fighting men with a healthy mental, moral, and social climate, with full opportunity for intellectual and civic growth. We must return these young men to their communities not merely as master journeymen in the deadly trade of war, but as self-respecting, mature citizens, strengthened by self-discipline and fortified in the democratic faith by living and working with men of all creeds of all origins, of all economic and educational levels. Thus, our broad objective is to produce a better soldier and a better citizen; for the better the man as a citizen, the better he is as a soldier.



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SPECIAL ASSISTANT

BRIGADIER GENERAL C. T. LANHAM, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, was appointed a second lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1924. He was graduated from the Infantry School in 1932 and from the Command and General Staff School in 1939. From 1935 to 1938 he was associate editor of the *Infantry Journal*. During 1941 and 1942 he assisted in the preparation of infantry training manuals and was in charge of visual aids in Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. In combat in the European Theater, he commanded the 22d Regiment, 4th Division, during the Normandy breakthrough, the crossing of the Seine, and the assault on the Seigfried Line. He was Assistant Division Commander of the Division during the Cologne battle, the crossing of the Rhine, and until VE day. In November 1945, he was named Chief, Troop Information and Education Division, War Department Special Staff. He assumed his present duties in July 1948.

Some are not inclined to agree with this view and yet the entire history of warfare bears witness to its validity. Repeatedly the great captains of history warn that the critical factor in war lies in the moral field. From Bonaparte to Bradley, the chain of testimony is unbroken —there is no substitute for the will to win. Nor are there substitutes for those civic factors which produce the will to win. Doubters may read current object lessons in this profound truth in Greece and in China. Therefore, the foundations of our national power reside ultimately in the virtues of our government and in those educative processes that bring to our people an understanding of that shining philosophy upon which our country stands.

For this reason, and others cited earlier, we of the military persuasion find ourselves engaged in activities that would startle the professional soldier of an earlier day. In 1942, with our backs to the wall and with every material consideration counseling against it, we undertook a gigantic program of civic education, a program that was eventually to gather strength and grow until it encompassed the whole royal realm of education. This program brought with it a philosophy of human relations that is gradually eroding outworn concepts too long dignified as traditions.

Why, in these dark days, did the Army launch this program? Because we learned late in 1941 that great numbers of our young citizen-soldiers were literally ignorant of the rising tides of darkness beyond our barrier oceans; and since they saw no danger, they saw no obligation to serve. In common with all too many of their fellow citizens, these young men had little knowledge of the human values at issue in the world arena, values that they would soon be called upon to preserve at the ultimate price of their lives. Was it not the poet Vachel Lindsay who passionately cried "Not that they die, Oh Lord, but that they die like sheep!"? Thus, we found the shocking fault in our armor and moved to repair it as best we could. It is heartening to see a national awakening to this grave danger. Today we continue our effort to strengthen the civic consciousness of our young soldiers and to stimulate and advance their mental and moral growth.

In pursuit of these good ends, the Army has initiated many far-reaching programs—a career giudance program, a character guidance program, a strengthened and invigorated religious program that is crowding our chapels, and a broad information and education program. As an example, the troop information and education program typifies the magnitude of our effort.

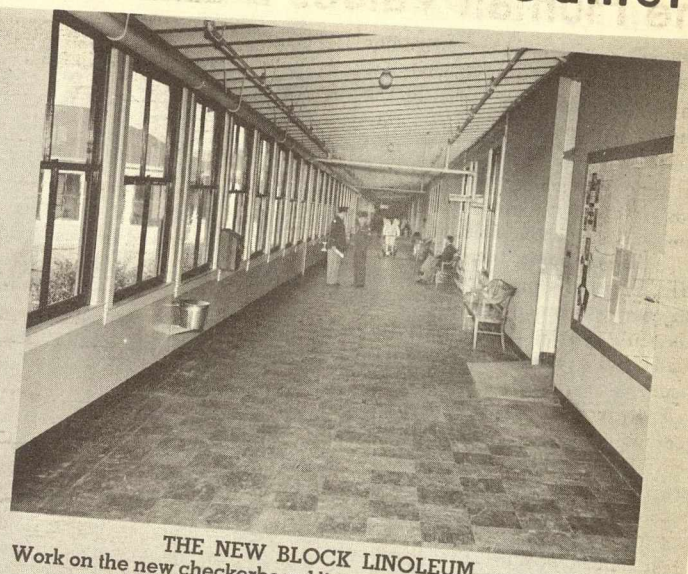
We seek four major objectives in our information-education work, all directed toward the central target of better soldiership and better citizenship. First, and perhaps most important, we strive to foster the dignity and the integrity of the individual soldier, in contrast to that traditional military anonymity that crushes the spirit, that leads a soldier to refer to himself as a dog-

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES
Oliver H. Bingham, veteran patient on ward B-2 contributes to his home state, Oklahoma, and Pfc. Chas. Hundley of ward K-2 prepares to give to Washington state. As we go to press, March of Dimes contributions from Lettermanites total $575.



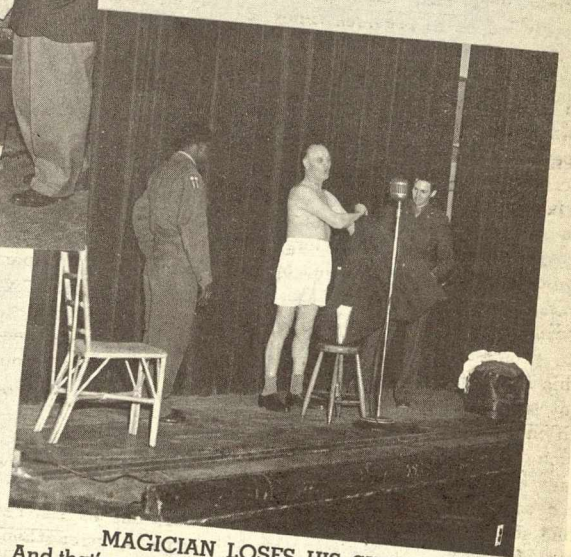
THE NEW BLOCK LINOLEUM
Work on the new checkerboard linoleum flooring on the ramp is nearly completed.



'MRS. ROY ARNOLD
(Second from left), who has been bringing top-flight show people to LGH every week for the past five years to entertain the patients, poses with the group who put on a show at the Recreation Center last Thursday afternoon.



EDDIE PEABODY
Made music with his banjo last Thursday for an appreciative audience at the Recreation Center.



MAGICIAN LOSES HIS SHIRT
And that's not all, but that's how Steve Sheppard proves he has nothing up his sleeve when he gives a show at Letterman.

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EDITORIAL

DISCIPLINE

Brigadier General C. T. Lanham, in an article reprinted from the "Army Information Digest" which appears on page two of this issue of the Fog Horn, speaks of "that brittle counterfeit of discipline which is based on fear." He points out that the Army "seeks the tougher, more enduring discipline that is rooted in understanding. "Nothing short of this," he says, "has ever succeeded with the American soldier and nothing ever will."

The distinction made by General Lanham as to methods of attaining discipline shows his deep understanding of human nature. Blind obedience without understanding of the reasons for the orders is certainly necessary in many situations, particularly in the Army, but such discipline can never be as efficient or as lasting as that which is rooted in the "understanding" of which General Lanham speaks.

Discipline based upon knowledge of the "reason why" can eventually be self-discipline in many cases, but discipline based upon fear requires the kind of constant supervision that is not only more time-consuming for the one who imposes it but is also less effective in the long run.



Captain **Lourine H. Patterson,** ANC, was interviewed on the "Lady, Be Beautiful" radio program from the Persian Room of the Sir Francis Drake on Tuesday afternoon in connection with the celebration of the 48th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps.

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Captain **Alma E. Heintzelman,** ANC, became the bride of Major **Paul W. McCoy,** CO of the LGH Medical Detachment, on Saturday, 29 January, in the Letterman chapel. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Capt.) George King. First Lieut. **Lydia Arnold,** ANC, was maid of honor and First Lieut. **Sexton Berg** was best man. The bride wore an ensemble in the new London fog shade, a veiled "crown" hat of pink and blue ostrich feathers, and an orchid corsage. The ceremony was followed by a wedding dinner at the Shadows restaurant. Major and Mrs. McCoy are spending their honeymoon at Malibu Beach, and upon their return they will make their home in the Sunset district of San Francisco.

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Second Lieut. **Louisa Lindow,** WMSC, of Occupational Therapy, who returned this week from a three-day trip to Sonoma with her mother, is busy these days getting settled in her new apartment in Sausalito. The apartment is one of the kind everyone wants—complete with view and fireplace.

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Two ANC newcomers who arrived at Letterman in time to take part in the Army Nurse Corps anniversary celebration on Wednesday of this week are just back from duty in Puerto Rico. They are First Lieut. **Marjorie J. Hudson** of Huntsville, Alabama, and First Lieut. **Florence L. Petty** of Memphis, Tennessee.

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First Lieut. **Alice McFadden,** WMSC, of the dietitians' staff, left this week to attend the two-week course in mess administration at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.

WAC

A week ago Friday the WAC detachment had a company party at the Fort Scott NCO Club. Eighteen members were present, and the food, refreshments and entertainment were enjoyed by all. The party was especially appreciated since it was held three days before pay-day . . . quite an opportune time to have a gathering.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** was busy over the week-end with domestic tasks, no less. She started the back-breaking job of staining the floor of her room.

The warm weather over the week-end inspired a number of the members of our detachment into participating in activities very characteristic of summer. Sergeant **Pauline Smith,** Sergeant **Jane "Tommy" Jones** and Corporal **"Lea" Lamascus** went down to Crissy last Sunday, looking for clams—they said. At any rate, the three of them came trudging back to the WAC area barefooted and rather damp. It seems that the water looked so inviting that they couldn't resist going wading; however, they claimed it was still rather cool for such sport.

Sergeant **Betty Stahl,** still a patient, was the recipient of a week-end pass from the hospital last Friday. Monday, she was transferred from Ward G-1 to Ward N-1. Perhaps a change of scenery will be of help for a speedier recovery.

Five WACs took advantage of the Special Services trip last Saturday night and went to the hockey game in San Francisco. It was rather confusing, to say the least, when the Master of Ceremonies was naming the various groups of spectators present, and as he mentioned the Girl Scouts, a large portion of the audience stared knowingly at the WACs in the balcony.

Sergeant **Ann Benich,** Sergeant **Evelyn Meadows** and Sergeant **Pauline Smith** are among those present each Monday and Thursday evening for typing classing. A promising pupil, Evelyn claims that her teacher credits her with sufficient speed —now all she has to master is the keyboard. A mere trifle!

Captain **Mary E. Nelson,** MSC, recent addition to the WAC officers here, has been assigned to the Hospital Train Unit.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 6, February 1949
IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Services Strength Quotas for 1950 Already Recruited

(AFPS)—The Armed Forces have reached their personnel quota strength as proposed by President Truman's budget for the 1950 fiscal year, Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal recently announced.

The Army, Navy and Air Force, and Marine Corps had 1,621,000 officers and enlisted men on active duty at the year's end. This number included the 18-year-old one-year enlistees and the cadets and midshipmen of the Academies at West Point and Annapolis. The President's budget set forth on 10 January established a limit of 1,616,000 men for the Armed Forces for the fiscal year beginning 1 July. The President's figures did not include about 5,275 cadets and midshipmen of the Service schools.

The volunteer recruiting system for Services will be continued in all Services for the present. This is expected to take care of losses incurred through expiring enlistments. In the event of the Services exceeding their quotas for the 1950 fiscal year, recruiting can be curtailed, Defense officials explained.

The Army already has taken steps to reduce its number of recruits by the elimination of two-year enlistments and by refusing to enlist married men in certain grades. Regular Army enlistments must be for three years.

Re-enlistee Corporal **Millie Johnson** is welcomed to the detachment. As yet, she hasn't been assigned—here's wishing her a happy tour of duty at Letterman.

DO YOU KNOW?



Miss PEARL FLATTEN
Medical Technologist

That recent cold spell that made so much conversation a week or so ago in San Francisco was as nothing to Miss Pearl Flatten of the Laboratory Service—her home town is Houston, Minnesota, where the cold weather really deserves the name and no fooling. Pearl has been on the Pacific Coast long enough to make it a habit to avoid winter weather, and when she plans a trip home she chooses the season for her visit with care. Her next trip will be this coming June.

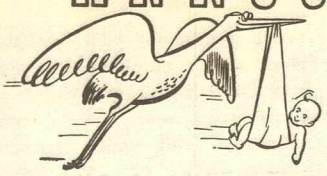
Pearl has her B.A. degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she majored in the biological sciences, and she is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Here at Letterman she is medical technologist in hematology.

After finishing at Macalester she took her laboratory training at Miller Hospital, St. Paul, then came to the West Coast and worked for a time at Everett General Hospital, Everett, Washington.

Two years ago she decided she wanted to go to Honolulu and flew to San Francisco, but couldn't get to the Islands just then because of a maritime strike. She worked at St. Luke's Hospital here for nearly two years, then came to Letterman last September. Though she hasn't abandoned the idea of that trip to Honolulu, she is now happily established here in San Francisco.

In her leisure time Pearl likes to knit and sew, and particularly enjoys reading, with travel books and the classics as her favorites. Because of her taste for the latter she is looking forward to participating in the dicussions during the "Great Books" program.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To Cpl. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson, a boy, **James Jay,** born 16 January.

To Major and Mrs. Robert E. Brown, a boy, **Steven Arthur,** born 17 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Garold W. Compo, a boy, **Melvine Keith,** born 17 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Vernon W. Garrison, a boy, **Charles Mark,** born 17 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James L. Allen, a boy, **Michael Dennis,** born 17 January.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Owen, a boy, **Johnny Lee,** born 18 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George E. Henning, Jr., a boy, **George Ellis,** born 18 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Sidney C. White, a boy, **Arthur Hudson,** born 18 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Grover K. Wagner, a boy, **Glen Edward,** born 19 January.

To Major and Mrs. Arthur E. Holt, a boy, **Arthur Bruce,** born 19 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. O. C. Brown, a girl, **Frances LaRue,** born 20 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Stephen J. Verketis, a boy, **Patrick Thomas,** born 20 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William C. Kelting, a boy, **William Alvin,** born 20 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James H. Jenkins, a girl, **Barbara Ann,** born 20 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Pharence A. McFarland, Jr., a boy, **Pharence Albert, III,** born 21 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Tillman S. Sylvia, a boy, **Terry Gregory,** born 22 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Clarence L. Gilliland, a boy, **Connie Lee,** born 22 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. William E. Hallahan, a girl, **Sandra Lois,** born 22 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Darrell W. Van Duren, a boy, **Ronald Dale,** born 22 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Clarence A. Nelson, a boy, **Gary Morris,** born 23 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Clifford S. Whitt, a girl, **Darlene Mary,** born 23 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William A. Richardson, a boy, **James Lee,** born 25 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Walter Henry Smith, a girl, **Linda Diane,** born 25, January.

To W/O and Mrs. Charles R. Green, a boy **Stephen Roy,** born 25 January.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Dwight F. Herrington, a girl, **Kathy Lynn,** born 25 January.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Joe Charles Gentry, a girl, **Pamela Doris,** born 25 January.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Robert N. Stone, a boy, **Robert Douglas,** born 26 January.

Wedding Bells

A wedding originally scheduled for 28 January but unavoidably postponed because of an accident in which the groom was injured, took place Monday afternoon on ward D-1. Sergeant Lowell Shepard of Wilmington, North Carolina, patient on D-1, and Miss Bertha Daingerfield of San Francisco were married by Chaplain (Capt.) George King. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harper of San Francisco were the attendants.

A two-tiered angel food wedding cake provided by the Red Cross and flowers from the Letterman greenhouses lent a festive atmosphere to the ward.

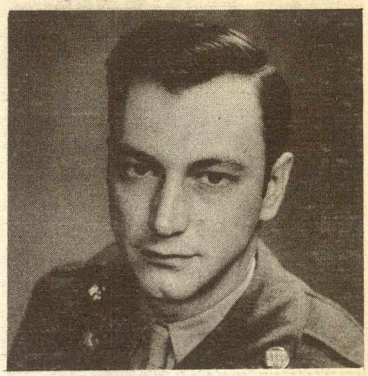
Sergeant Shepard, who was stationed at Fairfield Air Base, was on his way to San Francisco last week for his wedding when he was injured in a jeep accident, and he will be in the hospital for several weeks.

Sworn In

Mr. Sam Harrison, well known former Letterman patient, was sworn in as a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco War Memorial at the office of the Mayor on Wednesday morning.

The Hon. Thomas F. Foley, Judge of the Superior Court, administered the oath in the presence of His Honor, the Mayor, and a large gathering of friends and former fellow patients.

ON THE SPOT



WOODROW WILSON
Corporal

Corporal Woodrow Wilson began what he intends to be a career in the Armed Forces by joining the Navy, but he has now been in the Army since early in 1946, and finds it much more to his liking. "I came into the Army," he says, "because I thought I might want to get married, and I knew in the Navy I'd never be in one place long enough to plan on settling down."

He was right about getting married, because after he came to Letterman he met the girl, former Master Sergeant Stella Watras of the WAC detachment here, who is now Mrs. Wilson. On Christmas Eve 1948, the Wilsons became the proud parents of a son, Henry Charles. Woody is not only proud of his son but also of the fact that he predicted that the baby would be born on Christmas Eve.

Woody was born in Rio, West Virgiania. Before he joined the Navy he worked in a hosiery mill in Winchester, West Va., for nearly six years, then went to Baltimore, Md., where he was in the shipyards for over a year. In September 1943 he enlisted in the Navy and spent nearly two years in the Pacific, aboard the USS Agawam. He left the ship in Shanghai and returned to San Francisco for discharge in December 1945.

Shortly afterward he enlisted in the Army and went to Camp Polk, La., for basic training, after which he came to Letterman. He is now in the Military Personnel office.

In his free time he enjoys bowling, but he likes spending time with his son even more. The Wilsons are moving to Richmond in the near future, but since they are getting a new Hudson sedan, commuting will be a pleasure.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's Office has been ill with flu all week, and has been wistfully wishing, via telephone, that she was back in the office.

Dagmar Johnson, secretary on ward 27, who has been at Letterman since last May, is leaving this week to take a new position in which she will combine secretarial duties with bookkeeping.

Gloria Crisafulli of Military Personnel came back to duty this week after a siege of flu to find there'd been some moving done in her absence, and officers' personnel office had changed places with the enlisted personnel office.

Bonnie Diestelhorst, formerly in Military Personnel office, has transferred to the N-P Service.

Helen Diez of the Record Room, already several tmes a grandmother, is now also a grandaunt and is happily rejoicing about her new grandniece who was born last week.

Alice Torgerson and **Hazel Nelson** of the Finance Office drove to Sacramento last weekend and enjoyed everything about the trip except the windy weather. At one point they thought it was almost strong enough to blow the car off the road.

Joe Schick of the Pharmacy, who has been ill for some time, is back on duty this week.

Judy Bean, Military Personnel is getting compliments on the large organization chart she made which shows the comings and goings of all officers on duty at Letterman.

Sylvester W. Moore, who has been on duty here as a Master Sergeant, received his discharge last week, but is continuing on his assignment in Military Personnel office as a civilian.

Bob Giovannoli, Finance Office, who only recently moved into his new home in the Bret Harte district near San Rafael, has already set out some fruit trees. He has also hospitably issued an invitation to his friends here to come over and eat their fill of the fruit—as soon as the trees start puttng it out.

Alice Thompson, manager of the PX, was hearing sympathetic remarks this week when she lost her voice—until she told people the temporary affliction wasn't due to laryngitis but to a little too much screaming at a wrestling match.

LETTERMAN SAYS A RELUCTANT FAREWELL TO MISS ANNA MAHONY



Miss ANNA MAHONY
Leaving Letterman for overseas assignment.

After having conducted "Operation Recreation" for the Red Cross here at Letterman for the past two years, Miss Anna Mahony is leaving early next week for an assignment overseas She will be recreation consultant for the hospitals in the American zone of Germany and Austria, and she says her pleasure in the new assignment is marred only by her regret at leaving Letterman.

Lettermanites, patients and duty personnel alike, share her regret, because not only has she performed her duties here in such a manner as to reflect credit both on herself and her organization, she has also made many warm friends with her unfailing sense of humor and happy temperament. Ever since she has been here her telephone has been afflicted with a practically permanent busy signal, and this condition has been aggravated since people have heard that she is leaving. They keep calling up to ask her to farewell parties, so the usual procedure of Miss Mahony arranging parties for others is at present reversed.

She has been in Red Cross work for nearly six years, and during that time has had plenty of opportunity to indulge in her fondness for travel. In 1943 she was in Alaska, in charge of recreation activities at a rest camp at McKinley National Park. After two years there she was assigned to a naval hospital at Long Beach, where she set up the recreation program. This was followed by a period as recreation consultant for the Bay Area, during which she covered hospitals from Mare Island to San Diego. She came to Letterman in January 1947.

Miss Mahony was born in Boston, attended Teachers College there, taught corrective speech in the public schools and did playground work in Boston. Before the war began she spent leisurely summers traveling in Europe, so she is particularly looking forward to revisiting European countries.

She will have a month's leave before reporting to Washington for her new assignment, and she and her mother will drive East next week. The best wishes of her many friends here go with Miss Mahony in her new work.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Things have really been humming around the Detachment Orderly Room for the past few days, Sgt. 1cl. **John M. Cook** has taken over the duties of 1st Sgt. in the absence of M/Sgt. **Irwin E. Hulsey,** who is now on leave. From all indications John has been doing a good job.

M/Sgt. **Fay C. Casperson** was seen around the Maintenance Office Saturday morning. When asked why he was there he replied, "I have to do some blueprint work and it can't be done with that bunch of grease monkeys running in and out."

The hospital cars are coming back slow but sure. Two cars are in from Denver and Sgt. 1cl **John Mack** and his crew report a good trip even with the snow 18 inches deep. Sgt. Mack said it wasn't cold—just 6 below.

Cpl. **Ralph Sellers** just returned from the corn state and reported he had a good time at home, although he had to go around the world to get to Iowa.

Cpl. **Emilio Abeyta** is on the road again, this time he is on the way to Little Rock, Arkansas. On the return trip he will spend a few days with his family.

Sgt. 1cl **William Passmore** is getting that much needed rest. The lucky man is getting 13 days.

Looks like **Pvt. Russell Coffey** is "that way" about those certain girls in Kentucky. Every day he is seen reading his "daily dozen" letters.

Pfc. **Jack R. Smith** has taken to wearing a GI haircut. It is assumed there is less chance of yanking himself bald-headed in his worry-fury over tasks in the Evacuation Office.

Looks good to see Captain **Charles Toombs** around Hq again. He won't be with us long as he will leave for overseas February 9.

Four more of the HTU men are taking a trip to the cold country. Sgt. 1cl **Star Sessums,** Pfc. **Jack Smith,** Pfc. **Luther Lipsett,** and Pfc. **Edward Caruso** are on the way to Circleville, Utah. They report they have their snow shoes ready for the trip.

Cpl. **Claude Winters** is on a trip to Topeka, Kansas. He will spend 10 days at his home in Coffeyville on his return.

MEDICAL DETACH

The long-awaited clash between Special Services and Physical Reconditioning took place last Monday night, and Special Services emerged the victor in a bitterly-fought battle, 53-52. A new record for the Letterman Sports Center, and probably for San Francisco, was set when the two teams played through five five-minute overtime periods. The regulation game ended 29-29, the overtimes then ended 32-32, 36-36, 41-41, 45-45 and 53-52. A capacity crowd was constantly on their feet and shouting during the greater part of the evening. **Mike O'Toole** was top man for Special Services, netting 26 points. **Opitz** topped Physical Reconditioning with 19 points.

In the other game of the evening, Barracks 272 defeated Supply 33-20 in a well played defensive battle. **Clancy** was high man for 272, with 16 points.

Remember—next Tuesday night is the **big** fight night at the Letterman Sports Center. This will be the first fight to be a real thriller, with the eight winners being rewarded with a trip to Washington, D. C., for further tournament participation. These men have been training for the past two months and Tuesday promises to be a night filled with plenty of sizzling action.

For the first time in the history of Letterman the fights on Tuesday night will be televised for KPIX.

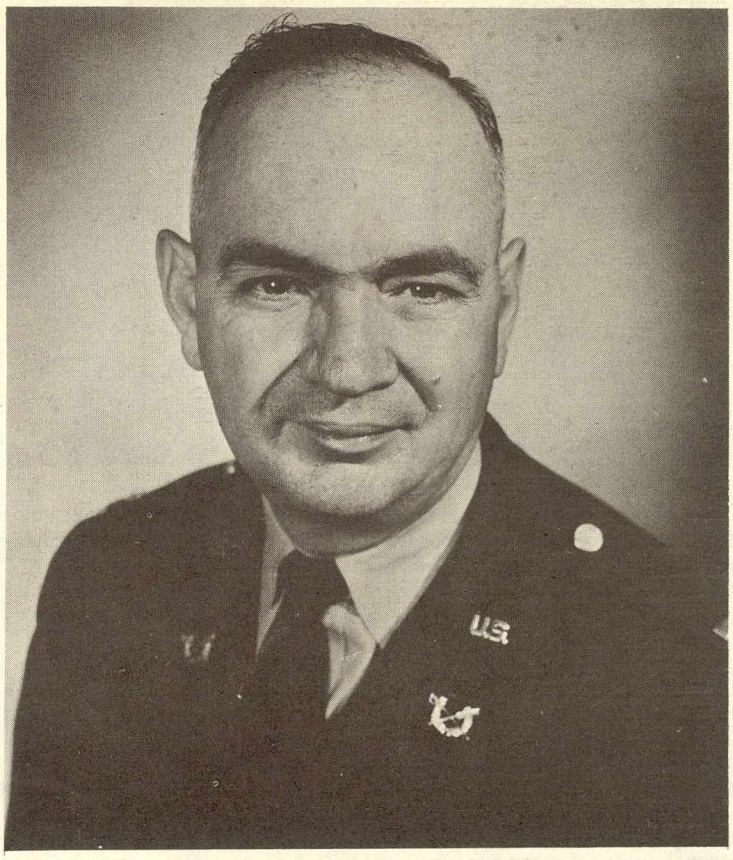
THINGS WE LIVE BY MORE ABOUT

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face, as a GI. Man can suffer no greater indignity than the loss of his identity. Man can sustain no heavier spiritual blow than the thought that his life or death is of no consequence. Too often has the conviction that the individual is of no importance led the soldier to the collateral belief that his individual effort is of no importance, either. If this thought is generated in enough men in an Army, the end result in battle is obvious. Therefore, we strive to build an officer corps that will recognize, honor, and preserve the dignity and identity of the hum-

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CAPTAIN GRAVES HAS AN EAGLE EYE FOR LEGAL MATTERS AT LETTERMAN



Captain LAMAR F. GRAVES, MSC
Letterman's Legal Assistance Officer

Captain Lamar F. Graves, MSC, who has been Legal Assistance Officer at Letterman since July 1947, served overseas in both World War I and II. During World War I he was in France; during World War II he served in the British Isles. Since coming to Letterman he has given legal assistance to many of the patients as well as to duty personnel and their depedents. Most of this service has been in connection with bonuses, income tax, notary and acknowledgements, divorces and numerous other civil matters. Captain Graves is also the Line of Duty Investigating Officer and the Claims Officer, and he acts as legal advisor to the commanding general on courts-martial and other legal matters.

He was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi. After his return from France following World War I, he studied law and obtained his degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He is a member of the Memphis and Shelby County bar association, and practiced law in Memphis from 1925 until he again entered the Army in October 1942.

A year later he went overseas and until May 1946 served as legal officer with the Legal Section, British Army, in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. From that time until his return to the States in May 1947 he was in charge of the U. S. Army Claims Office in London.

While he was overseas Captain Graves married Miss Doreen Noble of Leeds, England, and he and his wife are now the parents of three-year-old twins. Andrew and Carolyn. Mrs. Graves served as a volunteer ambulance driver all during the war. Her family recently returned to England after an extended stay in this country.

Captain Graves says his two major hobbies are football games and looking after the twins, and he finds the latter hobby fully as complicated as the study of law—but fun! He and his family have had quarters on the post ever since they arrived at Letterman. They have recently returned from a visit at the home of Captain Graves' mother in Jackson, Mississippi.

Report from Washington

Armed Services Committees have been formally organized in both Houses of Congress and already are functioning. Sen. Millard E. Tydings (Md.) is chairman of the Senate Committee. The House Committee is headed by Rep. Carl Vinson (Ga.).

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Because of budget limitations, the Army will have 5,000 fewer male officers in Fiscal Year 1950 than was planned. If the budget is passed as submitted it will provide for 65,825 male officers.

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A new award has been authorized for Army-Air Force personnel on duty with "Operation Vittles." It is a special clasp in the form of a miniature gold-colored C-54 plane, worn attached to the center of the ribbon bar of the Germany Occupation Medal.

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Uniform regulations changes permit Medical Corps Wacs to wear skirts, jackets, and caps in O.D. shade 33 when shade 37 is not available. The present hospital duty uniform for women will continue until July 1, 1950, after which the white uniform will be required. It may be worn now if privately purchased, in conformance with the specifications of Circular 94, 1948.

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To prevent sending personnel overseas before they are due for foreign tours, the Army has ordered complete records of foreign duty entered on qualifications cards. Officers' form 66 will show any foreign duty in an enlisted status. EM form 20 will reveal any foreign service in commissioned status.

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A recent executive order clarifies the definition of non-combat training and service as applicable to conscientious objectors. The non-combat definition is: "Service in any unit of the Armed Forces which is unarmed at all times. Service in the Medical Department of any of the Armed Forces, wherever performed. Any other assignment, the primary function of which does not require the use of arms in combat; provided that such assignment is acceptable to the individual concerned and does not require him to bear arms or be trained in their use."

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A pending Senate bill would authorize establishment of a four-year Air Force Academy "at such Air Force installation within the continental limits of the United States as the Secretary of the Air Force shall direct."

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Proposed legislation would increase from $3,000 to $5,000 the maximum amount retired Armed Services officers may receive as combined retirement pay and compensation from civilian Government employment.

MORE ABOUT THINGS WE LIVE BY

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blest soldier. At the same time, we use every device available to us to convince the soldier himself that his well-being, his aspirations, his service are all matters of prime importance to his Army and to his country. We seek to fulfill the desire in every human heart to count for something, to be needed.

Our second aim is to bring to our young men an understanding and an appreciation of the American ideal; to nourish that ideal; and to build an abiding belief in the future of our country and the democratic process. Here lies the very bedrock of motivation. Are we impious enough to believe that American citizens fight and die for seventy-five dollars a month? Do we delude ourselves that free men drive themselves into the inferno of battle for a beloved leader? Do we beguile ourselves with the thought that men offer their bodies to the scourges of war for a crusade against something? I think not. We fight, if fight we must, for the preservation of the human values and human decencies we try to live by. As a people we would be fatuous indeed to place our trust and our future in an Army that does not know and does not understand the human freedoms they are sworn to defend. If we, the American people, fail in this fundamental area, our Nation and indeed western civilization itself will surely perish.

There is a collateral matter here that I must touch on. The occupation soldier has been bitterly criticized by many observers as an inadequate representative of the American point of view. His youth, his immaturity, his lack of experience have all weighed heavily against him. On the other hand, the identical criticism was leveled at his older brother during the war and immediately following the war. There can be no question that the wartime soldier and the occupation soldier were in large measure politically illiterate. It is equally true, I think, that our young men are no match dialectically with the sophisticates of Europe. Unhappily when driven into an intellectual corner, they turn too ofter for defense to our physical abundance, to our radios, our automobiles, our washing machines, our electric refrigerators, and ultimately and triumphantly to the American bathroom.

It is unfortunate that we are not more skillful advocates of the philosophy we live by, not because we are in danger of being converted to other ways of life, for our studies show that the impact of European peoples upon the American soldier has merely intensified his devotion to his own country; but because the peoples of Europe are bewildered by men who appear indifferent to the political and philosophical bases of the most powerful nation in the world. This should be a matter of alarm to all of us. Even more alarming is our furious concentration on sheer materialism with never a thought for our spiritual and moral roots. The Army does what it can to correct this spiritual insolvency, but the basic problem is not theirs.

Our third objective is to provide an answer to the soldier's eternal and inevitable question "WHY?" We base this on the fact that the American soldier can be led but not driven; and to lead him, he must be given an adequate and an intelligent explanation of things he is called upon to do. This does considerable damage to that ancient school of thought which contended "theirs not to question why." Enlightened leaders have always done their best to answer this ever present question, whether it was spoken or unspoken. Now, as it should be in the Army of any free people, it is a fundamental requirement of command whenever time and security permit.

Strangely enough, this policy has been questioned not only by some of our military men but by some of our civilian critics too. This philosophy has been indicted as "molly-coddling." It has been categorically charged by some that such procedures will destroy discipline, without which an Army can not exist. It appears to us that the critics of these policies are mistaking the shadow for the substance. Quite apparently they are bemused by that brittle counterfeit of discipline which is based on fear. We seek the tougher, more enduring discipline that is rooted in understanding. Nothing short of this has ever succeeded with the American soldier and nothing ever will.

Our fourth objective is to keep the men of our Army aware of the great national and international issues that confront us from day to day, in order that each man may understand the vital interest those matters hold for him, as a soldier and as a citizen. The military man, as well as the civilian, is entitled to a free flow of information. We believe, however, that these matters are of such vital import to the soldier that we can not leave the question of his current knowledge entirely to chance or inclination. Therefore, in addition to providing him with broad access to the American press and radio, we make positive provision to bring him objective presentations of the more important matters transpiring in his country and in his world; and then encourage organized discussion of those matters on duty time. There is no attempt to influence his thinking. On the contrary, every effort is made to encourage him to think for himself and to discuss his views with his fellow soldiers. The virtues of this process, both from the military and civic points of view, are too obvious to warrant elaboration.

These four goals I have listed are among the more important on the human side of the New Army we are trying to develop. There are many derivative objectives, but I believe these four are sufficient to make the point that the philosophy of the Army of 1949 is far removed from that of the Army of, say, 1939.

You will not, however, find perfection. You will not find that every officer is an Eisenhower or a Bradley, or even a competent practitioner in the difficult art of leading his fellow soldeirs. But you will find that the doors and windows of the Army are open and that a clean, invigorating wind is blowing away the accumulated cobwebs of a narnow and fruitless traditionalism.

A good start has been made. It cannot be continued without the interest, the understanding, and the support of the American people. It cannot succeed if the sons of our people come to us imbued with a hatred of their Army and a contempt for the corps of officers. It cannot succeed if these young people have not learned that there are some values in the world worth fighting for and, if need be, worth dying for—since the alternatives are too dreadful for the free man to contemplate.

Affirmatively, they must understand the world in which they live and their part in that world; they must feel deeply the spiritual bases of our national philosophy; they must learn that every privilege, every right, every freedom carries a corresponding obligation; and, finally, they must bring with them the knowledge that tyranny in Bulgaria, starvation in Greece, treason in Malaya, or civil war in China, are of intimate and deadly concern to every man in every corner of the earth.

Somehow, they must learn the lethal significance of that lethal line, "Ask not for whom the bells tolls. It tolls for thee." Given that clarity of perception and that moral strength, neither we nor the world need go in fear of the future. It is a fearful and fateful task. May the American people be equal to it.

A New WAC Hair Style Hint



This hair style hint for Wacs, by Guro, was modeled by WAC Lt. Tilly Cloe Lowery at a recent style show in New York. The new coiffure was designed for military women who want to retain a long, glamorous hair-line, with the sides set in wide, glossy waves. A cluster of curls at the back is turned under and held in place with a long barrette, sans hair pins.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Colonel Welch, CO Of McCornack GH, Visits Letterman

Visiting us this week was Colonel John M. Welch, commanding officer of McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena, and having his first view of the activities of Letterman. He accompanied Brigadier General Frank L. Cole on his morning inspection tours to observe at close hand a big hospital in operation.

It was recently announced that the Hawley Board, which had completed a study of the medical facilities of the armed forces with a view to more complete unification, had recommended that McCornack General Hospital be de-activated as an army hospital, the army and air force patients from the vicinity of Los Angeles to be cared for in the Navy hospitals at Long Beach and Corona. The Secretary for Defense had not acted on the recommendation up to last week.

The main building and the cottages which make up McCornack were formerly the luxurious Vista Del Arroyo Hotel enjoying an international reputation. In 1943 the property and equipment were purchased by the War Department for use as an arm yhospital and passed through various stages as a statiion hosptial, a regional hospital, and finally became a general hospital honoring the memory of Brigadier General C. McCornack in May 1946.

When Colonel Welch was queried as to what plans the Pasadena community had for the use of the establishment in the event of military de-activation he replied nothing definite has been announced. There were reports that the Veterans Administration would be invited to take over the plant, and it was both stated and denied that the county would establish an annex on the site to be a part of the county general hospital organization.

There was also a rumor that a representative of a large hotel chain had looked over the plant in recent months with the idea of restoring it to service as a luxury hotel.

But in the mean time, said Colonel Welch, McCornack General Hospital will continue to function for the care of service and veteran patients.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Sixteenth President of U. S. (1809 to 1865).

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty, as we understand it.—Lincoln.

First Telecast is Now Part of Long Letterman History

A new page in Letterman history was written on Monday evening when, for the first time, a telecast took place from this hospital. The pioneer TV station of San rancisco, KPIX, sponsored the broadcast and the people of the bay area had their first opportunity to witness a series of boxing bouts from the comfort of the easy chairs at home.

The occasion was a program of elimination fights from the commands making up the 6th Army Area and the event was staged before a packed Sports Center gymnasium. Representing General Clark was Brigadier General Garrison H. Davidson, Chief of Staff, who made a brief talk expressing the importance placed on competitive sports by the Army training program. Occupying ring side seats were Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Letterman commandant, and Mrs. Cole, Brigadier General William S. Lawton, commandant, Seacoast branch of the Artillery School at Fort Winfield Scott, and many others.

During an intermission period First Lieutenant Ann B. Zunick and Sergeant First Class Harvey C. Chelf were interviewed on the attractive features of army life and their enthusiasm was evident both by sound and sight.

Letterman had a contender in only one of the seven bouts on the card, lightweight Ulysses Allen, and he earned the decision over Napoleon Kennedy, of Fort Lewis, at the end of the third round.

The Letterman Special Services section supervised the erection of the ring and the banks of seats on all four sides to accommodate nearly 1000 spectators and true fight fans.

Medical Supply Displays Its Wares--New and Renewed

Officers of the Letterman command had an opportunity last week to view a comprehensive display of Medical Department supply items in the Supply Division warehouse here on the post, and those who visited the display saw a collection of items available for issue which ranged from minute medical instruments to large mobile equipment such as wheelchairs. Representative samples of every class of standard medical equipment were included, each plainly marked with the proper nomenclature, to make prompt procurement possible.

For those who wished to familiarize themselves at a quick glance with the methods of procurement, a placard was posted which contained concise information on how to acquire both expendable and non-expendable items. The display was planned and arranged by WOJG George H. Pennington of Supply Division, under the direction of Lieut. Col. Ralph E. Graham, MSC, Director of Supply.

Literally everything needed for the operation of the hospital is handled by Supply Division, and in the matter of medical supply this means upward of 6,000 items. The division is responsible for the procurement, storage and issue of medical supplies and equipment, and also for such Quartermaster, Signal, Ordnance and Engineer supplies as are needed by the hospital.

The division takes care of repair and upkeep of equipment, and insofar as possible medical equipment is repaired here on the post in the Maintenance Shop of the division. When precision instruments require repair it is sometimes necessary to send them to the St. Louis Medical Depot, or in the case of an emergency, to local manufacturers' agencies. A special section of the Maintenance Shop handles furniture repair and refurbishing, and many a battered desk and chair returns to service after getting the "treatment" looking literally as good as new.

A recent report from the Maintenance Shop shows the value of equipment repaired in one week as $48,509.25. The labor cost for repair was $696.00; materal used amounted to $324.73.

A monthly check of technical equipment is made by the maintenance section and servicing is accomplished as needed. If repairs become necessary between these regular inspections a work order may be obtaned from Supply Division and delivered immediately to the shop with the article which needs servicing. The extensive program of medical supply repair carried on at Letterman is part of the Army-wide reclamation program designed to prevent waste of any kind.



SUPPLY DIVISION'S DISPLAY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
WOJG George H. Pennington and Master Sergeant Wesley H. Anderson of Supply Division work together on the display of Medical Department supply items shown at Letterman last week.

Three warehouses are required to house the multifarious items handled by the Supply Division. Warehouse C contains supplies stored for issue; Warehouse 269 is used for bulk storage of large items such as furniture and for Quartermaster, Signal, Ordnance and Engineer supplies as well as some medical supplies, and Warehouse B is used for storage of supplies which have become excess, and for salvage. Salvage (material which has become unserviceable through fair wear and tear) is inspected by qualified individuals from the maintenance branch for possibility of repair before a decision is made to dispose of it. If the latter is decided upon, the items are turned over to the salvage section at Oakland Army Base for disposal.

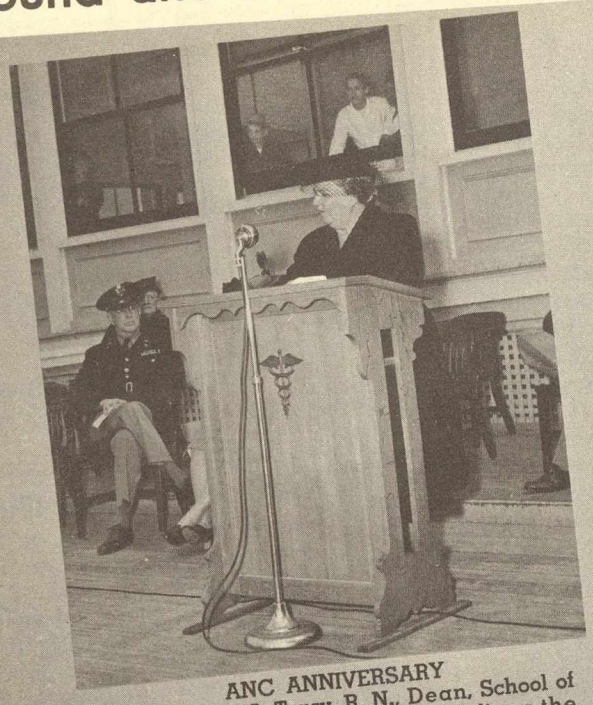
The orderly routine of the Supply Division provides that requests for standard items of supply be made by the various services on property issue slips, and these are submitted to the division on Monday of each week. On the following Thursday the items are ready to be picked up at Warehouse C. Drugs are issued only to the Pharmacy Officer. Surgical dressings are issued as a matter of routine to Central Supply, Surgical Service and Obstetrical Service. Dishes, silverware and glassware are issued only to the Food Service Branch, which redistributes them under the direction of the chief dietitian.

Non-standard items of equipment and medicines are procured through the Purchasing and Contracting Branch of Supply Division, and the purchase request must be accompanied by fully detailed reasons as to why a non-standard item is necessary. Most unusual non-standard item requested recently was an "obstetrical manikin with doll," for use in the hospital's teaching program. The policy of the division—to buy supplies in money-saving quantities—naturally will not be necessary in the case of the OB manikin.

Colonel Graham, the Director of Supply, has as his assistants Major Joseph M. Burke, MSC; Major Millard J. Greb, MSC and WOJG George H. Pennington. Major Burke is also Stock Control Officer, and Major Greb has as an additional duty the assignment of Linen Control Officer.

Master Sergeant E. R. Hubsch is Chief Clerk, and the NCOs in charge of the various Supply Division sections include: Master Sergeant William C. Asbury, Purchasing and Contracting; Master Sergeant W. I. Murphy, Stock Control and Requisitions; Master Sergeant Charles Taylor, Memorandum Receipt; Master Sergeant Wesley H. Anderson, Shipping and Storage.

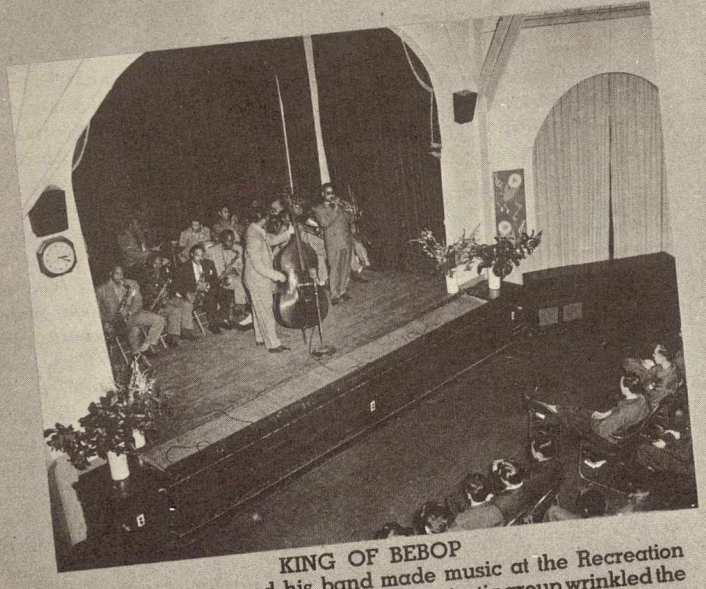
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



ANC ANNIVERSARY
Miss Margaret A. Tracy, R. N., Dean, School of Nursing, University of California, delivers the main address at the ceremony held here last week to commemorate the 48th anniversary of the founding of the ANC. Seated, left, Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general.



THE ANNIVERSARY INVOCATION
was given by Chaplain (Capt.) George King to open the ceremony in the LGH patio which marked the observance of the ANC 48th anniversary.



KING OF BEBOP
Dizzy Gillespie and his band made music at the Recreation Center here last week, and an enthusiastic group wrinkled the rafters with applause.



PROMOTION SMILE
Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, congratulates Lieut. Col. Albert J. Glass, MC, on his promotion to that rank, while Major Wendell B. Patton, MSC, adjutant, pins on the new insignia. Col. Glass is chief of consultation section, NP Service.

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EDITORIAL

LINCOLN

Today the nation honors the memory of Abraham Lincoln, one of the great presidents of this country. In 1864, Carl Schurz, statesman and biographer of Lincoln, and his contemporary, had this to say of him in a letter: "I will make a prophecy that may now sound peculiar. In fifty years, perhaps much sooner, Lincoln's name will be inscribed close to Washington's on this Republic's roll of honor."

His prophecy was sound, for long before the fifty years had passed, Lincoln's high stature was well recognized by the people of the country he had served.

When we learn about the qualities of men called great, we are often moved to emulate them. There is one aspect of Lincoln's character which can well and profitably be imitated by those in any walk of life. It is something which makes for everyday happiness and for better relationships with fellow human beings.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, another of Lincoln's contemporaries, put it this way: "His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong."



An anniversary luncheon was held last week in the Nurses' dining room before the program comemorating the 48th anniversary of the founding of the Army Nurse Corps. The guests of honor were Miss **Dora Thompson,** former superintendent of the ANC, and the guest speaker of the day, Miss **Margaret A. Tracy,** R. N., dean of the School of Nursing, University of California. Brig. Gen. **Frank L. Cole,** the commanding general, and a number of other officers of the command were present. The dining room was decorated with spring flowers, and on the big birthday cake were four dolls dressed in the various ANC uniforms that have been worn during the history of the Corps. Bouquets go to four Letterman nurses, who each made one of the costumes for the dolls: Major **Bessie V. Fullbright,** Captain **Lois Alfred,** First Lieut. **Lydia Arnold,** and Miss **Ruth Dotts.**

First Lieut. **Mary C. Long,** ANC, has been enjoying a week's leave at her home here in San Francisco, and will return to duty tomorrow.

Congratulations go this week to First Lieut. **Alice W. Epke,** ANC, who was promoted to silver bar status.

Former Lieut. **Lillian Munn,** who came into the Army Nurse Corps here at Letterman in 1926 and who retired in 1941, was the guest of Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** Chief Nurse, at luncheon on Wednesday. While she was here she had a chance to chat with a number of the other nurses with whom she served in the ANC.

Major **Mary Steppan,** ANC, who until recently has been on temporary duty with Sixth Army, has just returned from a 30-day leave spent in Sacramento.

Both First Lieut. **Mary Beck,** WMSC, and 2nd Lieut. **Louisa Lindow** of Occupational Therapy, are thoroughly enjoying the new cars they acquired recently. Both cars have been suitably named—Lieutenant Beck's is "Noel," and Lieutenant Lindow's is "Abigail." Lieutenant Lindow parted reluctantly with her former means of transportation, a vehicle known as "Jezebel," but says she sold her to an MP for safekeeping.

WAC

The Letterman NCO Club Anniversary Party last Friday was an occasion for three of the WACs to win cash prizes during the Bingo game. Sergeant **Evelyn Leonard** won two prizes; Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** and Sergeant **Lou Silsby** were one-time winners. The dinner and dance following the Bingo game were enjoyed by those girls attending, and many of them are looking forward to another event of the same calibre.

Master Sergeant **Opal Glenn** and her husband started their furlough Monday and left for the wide open spaces, namely, Kilborn, Texas. They plan to spend a few days in Los Angeles before going in too deep in the heart of the Lone Star State.

Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** also left for a 30-day reenlistment leave this week. Her plans included a trip to Washington, D. C., to spend some time with friends and relatives.

The San Francisco Womens Post No. 296 of the American Legion will conduct their monthly business meeting in the WAC Detachment day-room at Letterman on 15 February. Anyone interested in becoming a member, or just plain interested in the functions of such an organization, is cordially invited to attend.

Corporal **Lea Lamascus** and Sergeant **Pauline Smith** made the conversion from AUS to "Regulars" last Friday, 4 February.

Captain **Minnie Young** was sick in quarters last week, but she is now back again on duty status and well enough to participate in the Women's Bowling League, which heartily welcomes her return.

Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg** observed a combination of anniversaries last week. Her celebrations included having reached her sixth year of service in the Army, a birthday and one year of duty at Letterman.

When most of the members of our detachment are contemplating what to wear for their evening date, Sergeant **Ethel Goodman** is slipping into her working clothes in preparation for an evening of preparing and dispatching supplies in Central Service. They also serve who work by the light of the kilowatt in lieu of the light of day.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 13 February 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

SFPO 100 Years Old

Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa announces that February 28, 1949 marks the 100th Anniversary of the first Post Office in San Francisco.

On that date in the small (10 by 12 foot) private office of pioneer merchant, Charles L. Ross, the first Post Office in San Francisco was established on the north west corner of Washington and Montgomery Street.

The Honorable William Van Voorhies, the United States Postal Agent who was appointed by President James K. Polk, with authority to establish Post Offices in California, arrived on the steamer California on that date, and had with him the first mail from the east coast.

To commemorate the opening of the first Post Office and the arrival of the first steamer through the Golden Gate, the California Collectors Club will sponsor a souvenir cachet, which will be of interest to collectors and school children.

Collectors desiring this unique cachet should send self-addressed, pre-paid envelopes under cover to California Collectors Club, Post Office Box 1129, San Francisco 1, California, before February 26, 1949.

Only first class mail will be handled for this event and the envelopes should be of standard size (6¾ by 3¾ inches) with the left hand half of the envelope left entirely free for the application of the cachet.

The crossroads of trade are the meeting place of ideas, the attrition ground of rival customs and beliefs; diversities beget conflict, comparison, thought; superstitions cancel one another, and reason begins.
—Will Durant.

DO YOU KNOW?



Miss MADELINE S. ROSE
Chaplain's Secretary

Soda Springs was the intended destination of Miss Madeline Rose, secretary to Chaplain Lavery, when she left on a skiing trip with a party of friends last weekend, but because they were obliged to stop at Yuba Gap instead, she escaped being snowbound and was back at work Monday after enjoying some good skiing on Saturday.

Madeline was born and grew up in San Jose, and went to Notre Dame Junior College in Belmont and to Dominican College in San Rafael. She majored in social economics and received her B.A. in 1947. After leaving school she worked in San Jose for Travelers' Aid, was girls' supervisor in the San Jose detention home for a time, and later social worker in the day home of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

Her family moved to San Francisco in March 1948, and in April she came to Letterman as secretary in the office of the Assistant Post Chaplain. Madeline worked on the staff of her school paper, and she is seriously intertested in writing—particularly short stories. At present she is taking a course in the short story at the Extension Division, University of California.

She has a variety of leisure-time interests, one of which is music. She not only plays the piano but also the guitar, ukelele and slide trombone. She does oil paintings, mostly still lifes and landscapes, enjoys the ballet and opera and movies, and in sports her favorites are horseback riding, swimming and skiing.

"The time will come," thundered the lady orator, "when women will get men's wages!"

"Yeah," muttered the little man in a rear seat, "next Saturday night."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sam Harrison, former LGH patient, is back again as a patient, and is on ward D-1. Though he left Letterman in March 1947, nearly two years ago, Sam has been a constant visitor, coming out at least once a week to see his old friends here, and when he returned this week they gave him a hearty welcome. Sam is hospital chairman of Chapter 3, Disabled American Veterans, and of Zane Irwin Post 93, American Legion, and is very active in both organizations.

A group of Letterman patients have recently organized a dance orchestra which meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Recreation Center for a jam session. They frequently make recordings of their music. Patients who would be interested in joining the group may contact **Dorothy Ericson** of the Red Cross recreation staff, and are urged to drop in for a jam session and look the situation over. Instruments are furnished by Special Services.

Present members of the orchestra include Pvt. **Fred J. Kennard** of ward 30, piano; **Lewis Andrews,** veteran, of ward 28, saxophone; Rct. **Robert Bauer,** ward 2, clarinet; veteran **Thomas Erwin,** ward 31, bass viol; Pvt. **Wayne Pvee,** ward 43, guitar; Pvt. **Norman Thomas,** ward 31, vocalist, and Pvt. **Charles Jaynes,** drummer. Private Jaynes, who was formerly a patient on ward F-1, has now returned to duty at Fort Mason, but he comes back to play with the group on special occasions such as the two dances at the Rec Hall for which they recently furnished the music.

Captain **Eugene Felts** of ward 2 is making something special in the way of a cribbage board. It is 18 inches long, and inlaid with plastic. It seems that he started something in O.T. circles, and now **Howard Hushbeck,** veteran patient on ward N-2, is also working on a plastic cribbage board.

Captain **Arthur Smith** of ward L-1 is particularly interested in lapidary work, and is learning the art of stonecutting and polishing in an evenng class at Galileo High School here in San Francisco.

Membership in the recently organized Bridge Club, which meets every Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Recreation Center, is growing rapidly, but more members are welcome. Mr. **A. L. Sandstrom,** who teaches the new "count" system, is on hand to give instructions. Present members of the club are: Captain **Rosalie Bacior,** patient on ward G-1; M/Sgt. **Josiah Belden,** ward 40; Col. **Joseph W. Benson,** ward M-1; Sgt. **Robert W. Brooks,** ward 29; Mrs. **Muriel Broz,** ward N-1; Lieut. and Mrs. **Joseph Cassidy,** wards A-1 and B-1; Mrs. **Mary Cicoloni,** ward O-1; Lieut. **Geanne Eschle,** ward G-1; Pvt. **Gustave Franzen,** ward 29; **Leon C. Gavras,** veteran, ward 30; Lieut. and Mrs. **Eugene Gray,** wards A-1 and B-1, Lieut. Col **John H. Henniger,** ward D-2; Sgt. **Shigetospi Imazuma,** ward 29; **Thomas Erwin,** veteran, ward 31; Lieut. **Frank La Cord,** ward D-2; Mrs. **Mildred Leusley,** ward N-1; **Urban J. McGinnis,** ward N-2; Sgt. **Joseph McCord,** ward 31, and Pfc. **Leland A. Poe,** ward 40.

When Sergeant **Tom Newell** of ward 42 made a set of "figure" cocktail glasses in ceramics he didn't know that his wardmates would like to use them for other, simpler beverages, but he finds that they're popular on the ward for any drink, so they're now known as all-purpose containers.

Sergeant **Charles Werry,** former patient who returned to duty with the Air Force a month ago, dropped in to see his friends here this week. He has been on operation "Haylift" since he left, and is shortly to leave for Germany to take part in operation "Vittles." He expects to be gone six months, and says that in that time he intends to save $1200. Then when he returns he'll buy a new car.

Recruit **Fergus Graham,** patient on ward K-2, is learning weaving, and intends to master the loom, he says. He is definitely a perfectionist and nothing less than the best will satisfy him.

Corporal **Robert Matherly** of Carterview, Tennessee, who has been a patient here for nearly three years, recently became a member of the Stamp Club, and he whiles away many an afternoon on ward 42 putting his rapidly growing collection into the proper spots in his stamp album.

ON THE SPOT



HENRY K. ANDERSEN
Private

Private Henry Andersen, better known to family and friends as Andy, who interrupted school and his work as a commercial artist to enlist in the Army for a two-year period, covered the continent when he came to his first Army assignment here at Letterman.

Andy has to stop and think when he's asked where he was born—it was Hoboken, N. J.—because he has lived most of this life in West New York, N. J., and went to school there and in East Rutherford, N. J. He attended art school in New York for two years, also working as a commercial artist during part of that time.

Last October he enlisted in the Army, then spent two months at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he had his basic training. He says he was happy to be assigned to Letterman because it brought him to the West Coast for the first time. He is on duty here in the photographic laboratory on L-2, and finds the work there very much to his liking.

In his free time he has been taking advantage of the scenic surroundings on the post and elsewhere in San Francisco to make numerous sketches for future paintings. He likes to read, particularly books on illustrating and in the field of advertising art. Football is his favorite among the sports.

When his two years in the Army are up, Andy plans to return to school for two more years of art study.

"We were happy for more than a year," the tearful wife told the judge, "and then the baby came."

"Boy or girl?" asked his honor.

"Girl—a blonde; she moved in next door."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gil Grady of Finance came back from Lake Tahoe last week end raving about the weather and good skiing conditions. He claims he had a wonderful time and was not at all dismayed by the blizzard reports.

Leo King will be giving information instead of taking it now that he has transferred from the Receiving office to the Information office.

February 18 marks the 32nd wedding anniversary of Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** manager of the Letterman Post Exchange. On February 17 she and her husband will start for Fresno for a visit and then go on to Palos Verdes Estates. They will be gone two weeks.

Mary Lou Marshall, Post Exchange, has returned from a months leave which she spent in San Francisco. **Rose Miller,** PX, enjoyed two weeks leave in San Anselmo. **Hazel McElhatton** and **Bernice Dixon,** also of the PX, are both on the sick list.

At a simple wedding held in her home on 29 January **Annette Feller** of Ward S-1 became the bride of **Clifford Gross.** Our best wishes to the newlyweds for every happiness.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel spent her time among snow and more snow when she visited in Truckee over the week end.

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room is the proud grandaunt, not of a baby girl, as reported in this column last week, but of a baby boy.

We extend a welcome to **Jeanette Soloway** who is the new secretary on ward 27 and **Lucille Messersmith,** the latest addition in the Surgical Service.

Sara Lockhart of the Hospital Mess office has resigned and will join her husband at his new duty station in Hawaii. **Beverly Blair** of Surgical Service and **Dagmar Johnson** of Neuropsychiatric Service also handed in their resignations.

Sergeant: "How are you and your wife getting along now?"

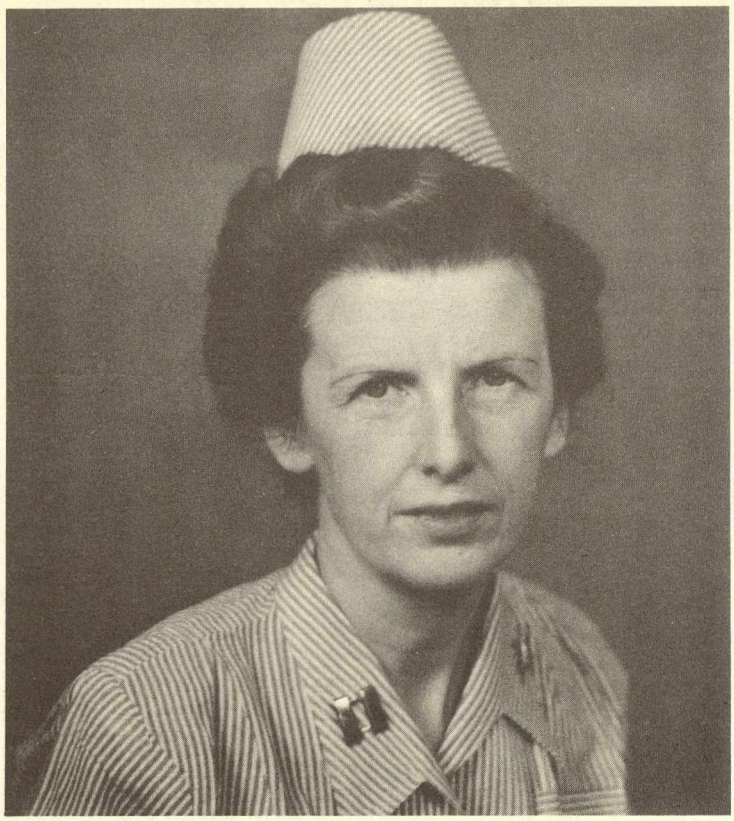
Corporal: "Oh, fine; she actually worships me. Puts burnt offerings on the table in front of me three times daily."

Small boy: "My mama says she could have soled shoes with the last piece of steak you sent us."

Butcher: "Then why didn't she?"

Small boy: "She couldn't get the nails through."

CAPTAIN BRADLEY LEAVES LGH AFTER COMPLETING WORK FOR B. S. DEGREE



Captain RUBY G. BRADLEY, ANC
Leaves LGH this week for station at Walter Reed.

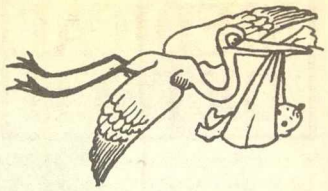
Last week Captain Ruby G. Bradley, ANC, and a group of Army Nurse Corps friends celebrated the fourth anniversary of a memorable date—3 February 1945—the day on which they were liberated after three years as prisoners of the Japanese at Santo Tomas. They celebrated with a dinner at the Lamps of China restaurant. Captain Bradley is naturally reluctant to talk about those years, and says that all that she could tell is contained in an appropriately titled article in a recent issue of Collier's Weekly, "Nightmare at Santo Tomas."

Four years ago this month Captain Bradley was briefly at Letterman when she returned from the Philippines with the other liberated nurses, and now she is leaving LGH again, this time after nearly two years here. Her new station, which is not new to her because she spent the first six years of her life in the ANC there, is Walter Reed General Hospital.

Captain Bradley was born in Spencer, West Va., attended Glenville State College, and taught for a time before deciding upon a nursing career. She trained at Philadelphia General Hospital, joined the ANC in 1933 and was at Walter Reed until 1939, when she went to the Philippines. She was at Baguio when the war began.

After her liberation and return to the States she spent a 90-day recuperation leave at her home in Spencer, then was assigned to duty at McGuire General Hospital in Richmond, Va., where she remained until the hospital closed six months later. After six months at Fort Eustic, Williamsburg, Va., as chief nurse of the station hospital, she spent a year in Berkeley at the University of California, studying for her B. S. degree, and was then assigned to Letterman, where she has been on duty in the Chief Nurse's office. Last September she returned to Cal, and has just now completed work for her degree.

Although Captain Bradley has enjoyed being at Letterman, she is pleased to be going back to Walter Reed, "right back where I started from," because she will be near home again. She plans to drive East by the southern route.



To Pvt. and Mrs. Orville F. Summerfield, a girl, **Dale Ann,** born 26 January.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Walter C. Beach, a boy, **Walter Cameron,** born 26 January.

To Captain and Mrs. William V. Breyfogle, a boy, **William Vance II,** born 27 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Alvin Morton, a girl, **Clara Dee,** born 27 January.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waters, Jr., a girl, **Nancy Marie,** born 27 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. James W. Hicks, a girl, **Mary Ann,** born 27 January.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Norman E. Henderson, a boy, **Michael Stanley,** born 27 January.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Victor Capriotti, a girl, **Cynthia Martha,** born 28 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Martin, a girl, **Elizabeth Ruby,** born 28 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Donald L. King, a girl, **Patricia Mae,** born 28 January.

To Captain and Mrs. David S. Berkley, a boy, **Richard Allen,** born 29 January.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. James Blair Gilmer, a boy, **Jerry Steven,** born 29 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Bernard P. Mullany, a girl, **Mary Margaret,** born 29 January.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Urbano Mateo Francisco, a boy, **Victor,** born 29 January.

To Private and Mrs. Robert Sullivan, a girl, **Cande Jean,** born 29 January.

To CWO and Mrs. Everett Lyle Brezeale, a boy, **James Lyle,** born 30 January.

To Private and Mrs. Joe Mallory, a girl, **Ella Rose,** born 30 January.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Julius N. Jackowiak, a boy, **Ronald Iver,** born 30 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Jack B. Krimball, a boy, **James Michael,** born 31 January.

To Corporal and Mrs. Americo P. Fisher, a girl, **Alice Pires,** born 31 January.

MEDICAL DETACH

Master Sergeant **Kenneth Robbins** and his wife **Maria** celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary this week on 8 February with a festive party at their home for 30 guests. Sergeant Robbins made all the arrangements, and his wife was genuinely surprised when the guests arrived and the beautifully decorated anniversary cake was produced from its hiding place.

Recruit **Elmo De Voe** of Hospital Service Branch says that he has a friend who is a magician. It seems that this friend was walking down the street and turned into a drug store! Now how could that happen, he keeps asking himself.

The beaming smile of Corporal **George Norris** is missing from the Special Services office these days. George is spending 30 happy days in San Lorenzo, across the Bay.

Sergeant First Class **Larry Catron** of Pharmacy will soon show his willingness to take that last and fatal step. His partner in the "I do" chorus will be lovely and charming Miss **Sue Feaganes** from southern California.

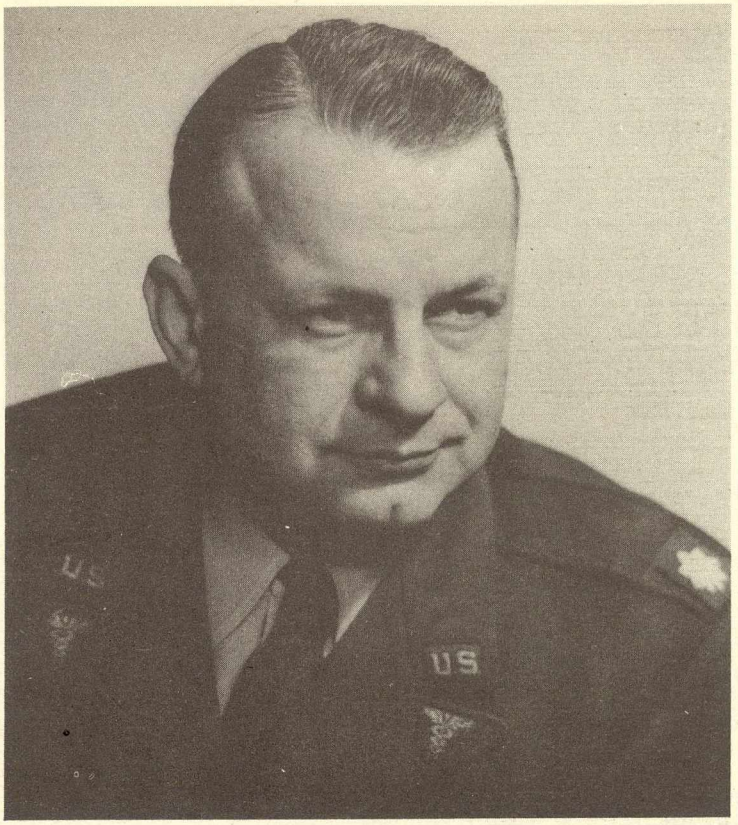
Master Sergeant **Fred Millikan** of the Message Center is disclaiming his nickname of "Crip," which he began to hear when his foot was bandaged. Rumor has it that he will try out for the Letterman track team this year.

Corporal **Elmer Mudgett** of X-ray, who has been mighty anxious for his furlough to begin, is "at ease" now, since he left this week for New York. On his return he will be accompanied by his wife.

It has been suggested that everybody pitch in and help keep the ramps neat and orderly. The floor does look like a chessboard, but we should be satisfied to play hopscotch on the squares and keep candy wrappers and old tired cigarettes off the floor and in the plentiful containers provided for them.

Sergeant First Class **Myron Rose** is somewhat annoyed by the fact that non-Californians refer to his home town of San Jose with a "J" sound. He states that the "J" is pronounced as an "H". To emphasize this he speaks of those two well-known summer months as "Hune" and "Huly!"

LIKE SOME OTHER MID-WESTERNERS, HE FINDS CALIFORNIA JUST RIGHT



Lieut. Colonel STEPHEN C. SITTER, MC
Chief of Neurology Section, N-P Service

Lieut. Col. Stephen C. Sitter, MC, Chief of the Neurology Section, Neuro-Psychiatric Service, who has been in the Army since 1934, and was a prisoner of the Japanese at Cabanatuan for nearly three years of that time. He was taken prisoner at Bataan in April 1942 and was liberated 30 January 1945, four years ago last week.

Colonel Sitter was born in Oshkosh, Wis., and studied medicine at Marquette University, Milwaukee, where he received both his B. S. and M. D. degrees, the latter in 1933. He interned at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee, at Milwaukee Children's Hospital and at South View Contagious Hospital in that city.

When he came into the Army in 1934 he was first at the station hospital at Fort Sheridan, Ill., then in 1936 went to the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C., and to Carlisle Barracks, Pa. After a time spent at the station hospital, Fort Jay, N. Y., he had a year's graduate work in psychiatry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. This was followed by an assignment at Walter Reed, and in 1941 he went to the Philippines as chief of the N-P Section at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila.

After his liberation from Cabanatuan Colonel Sitter returned to the States, in March 1945, and was a patient at Vaughn General Hospital in Chicago until the following October, when he was assigned to duty there as chief of the N-P Service. When Vaughn closed in April 1946, he began a course of training in clinical and basic neurology at Cook County Graduate School of Medicine and Illinois Neuro-Psychiatric Institute in Chicago. Upon completion of the course he was called to Washington as assistant chief of the N-P consultants division in the Office of The Surgeon General, and was there until he came to LGH last October. While in Washington he was associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Georgetown University.

Colonel Sitter is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and a diplomate of the American Boards of Neurology and Psychiatry.

He and his wife Laura are the parents of three sons—Stephen C., Jr., 13; Larry, 9, and Paul, 2. In his leisure time Colonel Sitter enjoys fishing, golf, and playing bridge. Indulging in the first two is all the more fun now that he has plenty of room for the necessary gear in his recently-acquired station wagon.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Captain Charles A. Toombs bade his final farewell to the HTU this week. He left for his new station in Hawaii.

The HTU is getting ready for the arrival of the Hospital Ship "Hope" due to arrive sometime around the 16th of this month.

Pfc. **Orin Pruner** returned from Los Angeles Monday a year older than when he left. He celebrated his 21st birthday while on pass there.

The HTU bids a hearty welcome to its new officer—Captain **Mary E. Nelson, MSC.**

Pfc. **Lee Gobbles** and **Pvt. Russell Coffey** are on a trip to Kentucky—each will spend five days at home.

Another HTU officer left this week—Captain **Russell Hey** departed for his leave prior to departure overseas.

Sgt. **Alfred M. Sanchez** will soon be a millionaire at the rate he is going. He has started a "swear box" in the Evacuation Office and in the first 45 minutes he collected 20c.

M/Sgt. **John M. Cook** recently acquired that new stripe and supplied the whole detachment with cigars to celebrate the occasion—Congratulations!

Looks like Sgt. 1cl **Treen H. Burrow's** love of fish is catching. He brought a bowl of "guppies" for Cpl. **Gerald J. Dean** to raise.

Cpl. **Fred E. Farris** is getting ready to leave on a trip to Tomah, Wash.

M/Sgt. **Frank A. Connor** was discharged last week. He reenlisted for a station near his home in New Orleans, Louisana.

HTU welcomes the following men to the Unit: Rct. **Robert M. Sargent,** Sgt. **Edward J. Ruthe,** Sgt. 1cl **Mitchell Kocsis,** and Sgt. **Jesse C. Thompson.**

Cpl. **Harvey C. Gnirk** and Pvt. **Alfred J. Brignac** just returned from leave.

Sixth Army Boxers Compete for Championships

Eighth Army boxers won titles as Sixth Army champions in final matches of the San Francisco tournament held at Letterman General Hospital Sports Center Monday night, February 7, before a crowd of about 1000 fans.

Representing major installations of the eight-state Sixth Army area, the boxers will leave February 14 for Washington, D. C., where they will compete in an All-Army tournament February 20-27.

Pvt. Sylvester Stewart, Jr., of Jackson, Tenn., representing Fort Lawton, Washington. won the light heavyweight contest by battering Pvt. Arnold Aikens of Washington, D. C., from Fort Scott, to the floor twice and the third time for a knockout.

An Oakland fighter representing Oakland Army Base, Pfc. Willie Collins of 820-32d Street, won the heavyweight contest in a unanimous decision over Pvt. Lucius Tate of East St. Louis, Ill., representing the Presidio of San Francisco.

In a speedy bout, Flyweight Pfc. Robert Kincaid of Ben Loma, Calif., won a decision bout by downing Rct. Robert Regaldo of Pasadena, Calif., twice. Both fighters represented Fort Ord, Calif.

Two featherweights from Fort Lewis battled for the championship, with Pvt. Donald C. Dakota of White Earth, Minn., winning a split decision in a close bout with Pvt. Manuel Villalobos of El Paso, Texas.

Pvt. Ulysses Allen of Tuscaloosa, Ala., from Letterman, was the aggressor throughout the lightweight match, winning the decision over Pfc. Napoleon Kennedy of Philadelphia, Pa., from Fort Lewis.

In a wild slugging match, Rct. Albert Smith of Gooding, Idaho, from Fort Ord, Calif., landed the winning blows over Pvt. Milton Howard of 5933 Fremont Street, Oakland, representing Fort Lewis, Wash.

In the welterweight class, Pfc. David L. Stowe of Los Angeles from Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, won a unanimous decision over Pfc. Robert D. Rush of Capitola, Calif., of Fort Ord.

Bantam weight contender in the Army finals will be Sgt. George R. Adams of Brooklyn, New York, representing Fort Lewis, who won by default as his opponent did not reach the necessary weight.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Army personnel having less than fifth or eighth grade education may obtain a Certificate of Completion establishing either level, after passing prescribed tests or USAFI courses.

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A recent cross-section survey established the educational level of Air Force personnel as follows:

	Officers	Enlisted
Non-8th grade graduates	120	23,560
8th grade graduates	240	49,520
Some high school	1,810	126,040
High school graduates	17,350	133,380
Some college work	18,000	21,170
College graduates	9,220	1,328
Post graduate, college	3,940	420

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A minimum tour of one year and a maximum of two years has been set by the Army for Training Division cadre personnel.

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The House Armed Services Committee is considering its own bill to fix personnel and organization ceilings for the Army and Air Force.

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The Army is considering a plan to prohibit the re-enlistment of personnel with dependents who fail to attain grade four, or better, in a three-year enlistment.

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The Army has cancelled the largest maneuvers scheduled for the current fiscal year, the Camp Polk, La., exercises originally set for May and June.

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The term "United States Armed Forces" is the correct collective designation of the Regular components of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. "Armed Forces of the United States" will be used to designate collectively *all* components of all Services.

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Legislation sponsored by Sen. Harry F. Byrd (Va.) would amend the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act to remove the exemption of Service personnel from personal property and income taxes of the locality in which stationed.

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The booklet, "A Career in Army Food Service," has been published by the Army. Self-study manuals for personnel in this field are ready for the printer. These publications will help considerably in studying for the next examinations for promotion.

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Elaborate facilities for press and radio coverage are being set up at Fort Myer, Va., in preparation for the Army world-wide boxing tournament scheduled for February 21-26.

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A board of officers has been appointed to study a proposal for merger of the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard.

EM Sit on Court

Frankfurt (AFPS) — The Army recently announced that, for the first time in history, American soldiers will serve as members of a military Court that will judge a murder trial of two other soldiers.

The Army granted the request of two accused enlisted men here to have fellow soldiers serve as members of the Court. Army Headquarters said that one-third of the Court members will be enlisted personnel.

Legislation has been introduced to authorize the Air Force to establish a guided missile proving ground for use of all the Armed Services.

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"Officers' Call" will be the name of the monthly pamphlet to be published by the Army as part of the new Officer Information Program, designed to give officers broader background in international affairs and the principles of their profession. Participation in the monthly program by all officers is mandatory.

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The Marine Corps has set up schedules for its annual rifle and pistol competition as follows: Western Division: M.C. Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., April 18-23. Southeastern Division: Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune, N. C., May 16-21. Eastern Division: Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., May 30 to June 4.

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All military personnel are authorized to apprehend absentees and deserters except where the statute of limitations is applicable. Regular Army deserters of the Spanish-American War and World War I are exempt from apprehension.

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Army military and Army civilian personnel contemplating travel to Canada should route requests for orders through the Intelligence Division, General Staff, U.S. Army, at least 15 days prior to travel date.

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Air Force enlisted personnel of the first three grades are not entitled to transportation of dependents to first duty station upon re-enlistment, when there is a break in service of more than one day. Personnel of the first four grades will not be entitled to transportation of household goods under these circumstances.

Answering the Veterans Queries

A statement concerning the projected National Service Life Insurance dividend payment has been issued by Harold W. Breining, Washington, D. C., Veterans Administration assistant administrator for insurance. Mr. Breining said:

"From time to time during the past year, there have been rumors and speculation about Veterans Administration plans to pay dividends on National Service Life Insurance. There have been several guesses as to how and when these dividends will be paid, none of which had their source in the Veterans Administration.

"I am glad to have this opportunity to state officially that all veterans who have held National Service Life Insurance for any substantial period will receive dividends.

"I realize that the two questions uppermost in the minds of veterans are: How much will I get? and When will I get it?

"We'll have the answers to those questions only when we have finished the actuarial studies now in progress and the tremendous job of auditing and making computations on more than 20-million individual National Service Life Insurance accounts. It should be clearly understood that the fact the insurance may have lapsed will not affect a veterans' right to a dividend.

"In making the actuarial studies, we are having the advice and assistance of some of the world's outstanding authorities.

"Before deciding how much dividend can be paid, we must first determine how much reserve we will need to meet our obligations to current policyholders and beneficiaries. Some six million veterans now hold policies on which they and their families depend for protection. Among the other obstacles which must be overcome in undertaking this work is a shortage of trained personnel, space, and office equipment.

"In the meantime, we ask that veterans do ont write the VA about these dividends.

One word of warning: Don't be misled into thinking that the dividend applications will cost you anything or that you will have to have some one present your application for you.

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The Secretary of The Army Pays a Call at Letterman

The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, spent a very crowded day in San Francisco on Monday but found time to pay a visit to the patients at Letterman in the late afternoon.

The Secretary was met on arrival by General Cole and General Heaton and escorted to Ward B-1 where many of the war wounded pateints had been assembled to meet Mr. Royall. He had a word of cheer for each of the men with an occasional query for details on the nature of the wounds.

The party proceeded to Ward D-1 where the Secretary again spoke to each of the patients. When Mr. Royall paused at the bedside of Tech. Sgt. Harvey E. Chelf he recalled meeting Chelf on a prior visit here in January of last year.

Later in the day the Secretary met with a group of North Carolinians at the headquarters of the 6th Army and Lieut. Katherine Neely, ANC, of Letterman was among those present for the informal chat about things back in the "Tarheel" State.

Accompanying Mr. Royall, and representing General Clark who is away on leave, were Major General Walter M. Robertson, Deputy Commanding General, and Colonel Stanley J. Grogan, Deputy Chief of Staff, 6th Army. In the party also were Lieutenant Colonel Willis J. Crittenberger, Jr., aide to the Secretary of the Army.

In the evening Mr. Royall was the guest of honor at a reception held in the Officers Club at the Presidio. Sharing the honors were the members of the group who were with the Secretary on his inspection tour of the Far East. These included Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, Director for Plans & Operations, Army General Staff, Mr. William T. Joyner, Consultant to the Secretary of the Army, Mr. James F. King, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Mr. M. W. Bishop, Chief of Division, Northeast Asian Affairs, Colonel Frank T .Folk, Public Information Division, and Lieut. Colonel Willis D. Crittenberger, aide to Mr. Royall.

The entire party left for Washington by plane on Monday evening.



THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, who was in San Francisco this week, talks with Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, before starting on a round of visits with patients on several Letterman wards. Mr. Royall was in San Francisco for just one day en route from Tokyo to Washington.

Open House at Army YMCA Building is Well Attended

The Army "Y"—the popular spot across the road from the Administration Building of Letterman—was the scene of "Open House" on Monday evening, with Mr. H. A. Loomis, Executive Secretary, and his staff extending a cordial welcome to military and civilian friends of the YM CA.

The program was opened with a formal meeting, presided over by Brigadier General William S. Lawton, Commandant of the Seacoast branch of the Artillery School, Fort Winfield Scott, and addresses were also made by Brigadier General Garrison H. Davidson, Chief of Staff, 6th Army, Brigadier Geeral Frank L. Cole, commanding Letterman General Hospital, and Mr. Loomis, who outlined the "Y" program for the visitors.

The occasion furnished an apportunity for the guests of the evening to watch the "Y" in operation and there was a special stage show presented to more than 500 people. Refreshments were served at the end of the program.

The patients and duty personnel of Letterman are beneficiaries of the "Y" program to a very great extent and they were present in goodly numbers on Monday evening. They keep in mind the slogan—"there is always something going at the Army 'Y'."

Mr. Loomis plans to make the "Open House" an annual affair to give the people hereabouts the chance to get acquainted with the work done by the Army YMCA throughout the year. He feels that wider knowledge of the program would be of greater benefit to all our people.

Salute to the Nurses on Duty in the LGH Operating Room

In the operation of any Army hospital, good teamwork is an essential, and nowhere is it more necessary than in the Operating Room. In this respect Letterman may well point with pride to the teamwork of the smoothly functioning staff of specially trained nurses on duty in the Operating Room here.

Major Elizabeth Barrett, ANC, is Supervisor of the group, which at present totals 22. This number includes eight regularly assigned Operating Room nurses and five students; three regularly assigned nurse anesthetists and six student detachment nurses.

Since Letterman is a teaching hospital, courses are given here practically continuously in Operating Room Technique and Management, which is a 6-month course, and in Anesthesiology, a 13-month course. The student detachment nurses on duty in the Operating Room are curently taking one or the other of these courses. Captain Edith L. Shutt, ANC, is instructor for the Operating Room Technique and Management Course, and Captain Alma O. Eidsaa, ANC, head nurse anesthetist, is instructor for the course in Anesthesiology.

Although at some hospitals certain nurses are designated to assist only at certain types of operations, Major Barrett advocates versatility, and nurses assigned to Letterman's Operating Room are responsible for preparing for and assisting at all types of operations. They are also responsible for the preparation of all supplies, instruments, linens, etc.

With over 3900 operations performed on the Surgical Service in a single year, the daily average is often above ten. The Operating Room is covered 24 hours a day, with an Operating Room nurse and one enlisted person present all during the normal off-duty hours. A nurse anesthetist is on call 24 hours a day. This duty is handled on a rotating basis.

Major Barrett has high praise not only for the members of her nursing staff, but also for the enlisted personnel and civilians who assist in the OR work. At present two members of the WAC detachment, 11 enlisted men and three civilians are assigned to Operating Room duty.

Major Barrett has been on her present assignment since June 1947, when she returned to Letterman after an absence of five years. She is a native of Virginia, and received her training at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, later taking a post-graduate course at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. She was on duty at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, and also served in France during World War II. When she came to LGH on her second tour of duty she had just completed a six-month course in nursing education at Teachers' College, Columbia University. She has been in the Army more than 12 years.



THEY SERVE IN SURGERY

Operating Room Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists assigned to duty in the Operating Room, L to R: (seated), Major Elizabeth Barrett, supervisor; First Lieut. Rose Dull, Miss Lorraine Greenough, First Lieut. Virginie Whitcomb, Captain Alma Eidsaa, chief anesthetist; (standing), First Lieut. Corrine Snaadt, First Lieut. Margaret Abbott, First Lieut. Mildred Cougill, Captain Kathryn Doody, Captain Eleanor Faulk, Captain Edith Shutt.

Captain Alma Eidsaa, in charge of the nurse anesthetists, has been in the Army since 1940. She is a native of Fargo, N. Dak., received her nurse's training at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., and was trained as an anesthetist at the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. She has been at only three stations since she joined the ANC, Fort Ord, Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii and LGH.

The two other assigned nurse anesthetists are Captain Kathryn Doody and Captain Eleanor Faulk. Captain Doody, who was born in Salisbury, Md., trained at Peninsula General Hospital there, and came to Letterman last July after completing a course in anesthesia at Brooke Army Medical Center. She has been in the Army since June 1940, served at Tripler and also in Europe during the war.

Captain Faulk is from Rosemark, Tenn., and attended the University of Tennessee School of Nursing. After coming into the Army in May 1941 she spent 39 months in the ETO, and served in England, France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. She went to school in Paris after the war ended, taking a course in dressmaking and designing. She trained as an anesthetist at Barnes General Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., and came to LGH last August.

Captain Edith L. Shutt, nurse instructor for the course in OR T & M, has been in the Army since July 1940, and during the war served overseas in the Pacific, mainly in Australia. Born in Lockport, N. Y., Captain Shutt trained at Clifton Springs (N .Y.) Sanitarium Clinic, and at New York Hospital received her special training for the course she gives here.

First Lieut. Virginie Whitcomb served overseas during the war in Iceland, England, France and Germany. She was born in Burlington, Vt., and received her training at Rutland Hospital, Rutland, Vt. She has been in the Army since June 1941.

Now on her second tour of duty in the Army Nurse Corps, First Lieut. Rose Dull served at Hammond General Hospital, at Fort Knox and Fort Ord during her first tour from 1942 until 1946. She came to LGH in August 1947 as a civilian nurse, but last March returned to the ANC. She trained at Martin's Ferry Hospital School of Nursing in her home town, Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

After joining the Army in March 1943, First Lieut. Corinne Snaadt served both in Europe and in Korea. She is a native of West Point, Iowa, and receiving her training at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Ill. She has been here at Letterman for the past year.

First Lieut. Mildred Cougill, born in Farmland, Ind., trained as a nurse at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. She joined the Army in August 1943, and has served at Camp McCoy, Wisc., Gardiner General Hospital, Chicago, and here at Letterman.

Also from the Middle West is First Lieut. Margaret Abbott, who was born in Downer's Grove, Ill., and trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. She has been in the ANC since 1944, and served in the Pacific Area.

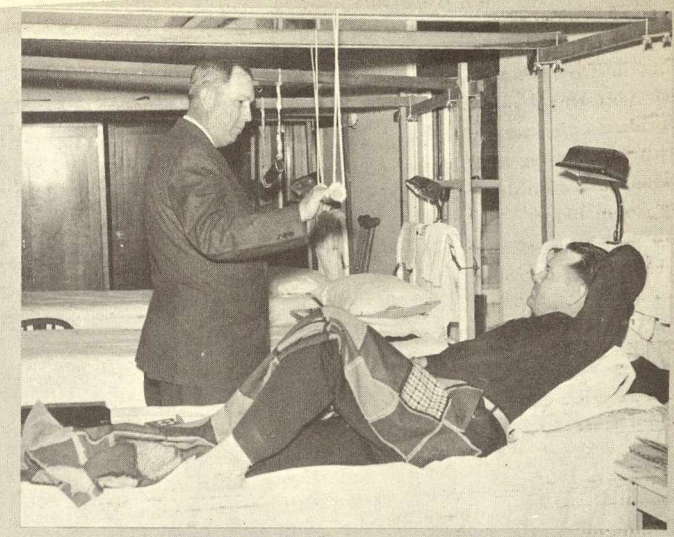
After three years in the ANC, from April 1945 till July 1948, Miss Loraine Greenough returned to civilian life but continued on duty here at Letterman, her last Army station. While in the Army she also served at Hammond, Bushnell and Brooke General Hospitals. She was born in Spokane, Wash., and received her training at Tacoma General Hospital.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



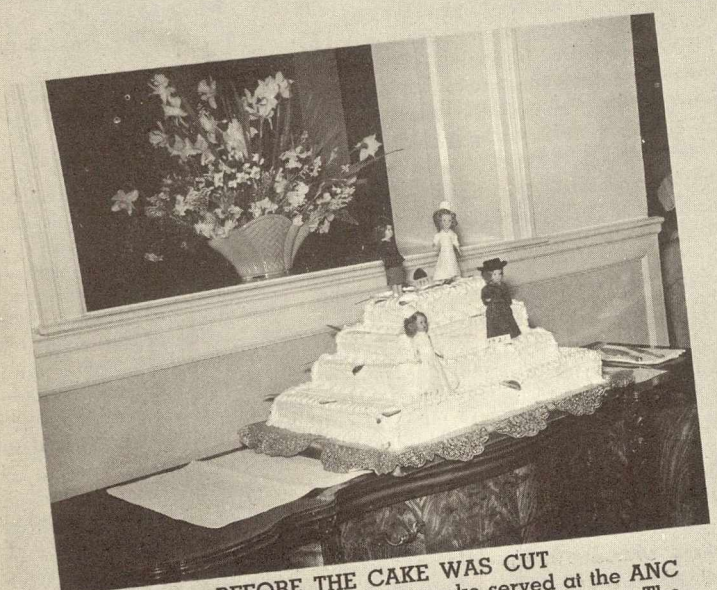
COMMANDANTS CONFER

Colonel John M. Welch (right), commanding officer of McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena, who was a visitor here last week, confers with Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Letterman's commanding general, in the latter's office.



FELLOW NORTH CAROLINIANS

The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, stops to chat with Lieut. Col. Norman R. Walker of Spring Lake, North Carolina, patient on ward D-2.



BEFORE THE CAKE WAS CUT

The luscious four-tiered birthday cake served at the ANC 48th anniversary luncheon in the Nurses' Dining Room. The decorations are dolls dressed in the ANC uniforms of 1913, 1921 and 1949.



COURSE COMPLETED

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, presents certificates to the five nurses who completed the course in Operating Room Technique and Management last week. L to R: Capts. Althea Ward, Virginia Szyper, Clarice Blegan, Nina Romeo and First Lieut. Staisie Bembnowski.

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EDITORIAL

BROTHERHOOD

American Brotherhood Week will be observed nationally beginning tomorrow and all during the week until 27 February. Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Brotherhood Week is observed annually during the week in which George Washington's birthday occurs. The conference stresses brotherhood as the pattern for peace, and quotes Washington's words: "Harmony and good will towards men . . . the basis of every political establishment."

The goal of the American Brotherhood campaign is to enroll millions of people in a brotherhood dedicated to the extension of freedom, justice and responsibility as the foundation stones of a peaceful world. Brotherhood is defined by the organization which sponsors it as "a willingness to give to others every right and dignity we claim for ourselves."

One of the ten commandments of Good Will, which set forth the purposes embodied in the brotherhood concept, is: "I will do more than live and let live—I will live and help live."

Those who actively live up to this concept can do much to dispel the adversaries of true brotherhood — selfishness, prejudice and ignorance.



Five nurses of the student detachment completed the six-month course in Operating Room Technique and Management last week, and were presented with their certificates by Brig. Gen. **Frank L. Cole,** commanding general, in an informal ceremony held in his office. Present at the ceremony were Col. **James Stapleton,** executive officer, Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** Chief Nurse, and Capt. **Edith Shutt,** nurse instructor for the course. This week the quintet of graduates left LGH for new stations. The members of the group and their destinations: Capt. **Clarice Blegen,** Station Hospital, Hamilton Field; Capt. **Nina Romeo,** Station Hospital, Fort George Meade, Md.; Capt. **Virginia Szyper,** Station Hospital, Fairfield-Suisun Air Base; Capt. **Althea Ward,** Station Hospital, Fort Francis Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo.; First Lieut. **Staisie Bembnowski,** Station Hospital, Wright Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio.

"D" for delightful is the word applied to the Valentine dance held last week in the Nurses' Recreation Hall by the big crowd who attended. The occasion rated a high mark for decorations, diversion, dancing and delicacies in the food line.

Last week four LGH nurses were named as having dressed the uniformed dolls which decorated the 48th ANC anniversary cake served at the birthday luncheon. First Lieut. **Phyllis J. Patrick,** ANC, also deserves credit for helping to dress the dolls.

Two newcomers were welcomed to the ANC staff here this week: Captain **Marguerite Burns,** who came to Letterman from Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, and First Lieut. **Iraida Bojko** of Berkeley, California, who is returning to ANC duty from civilian life.

First Lieut. **Izora Britton,** ANC; First Lieut. **Mary J. Brown,** ANC and First Lieut. **Martha R. Garvin,** ANC, said a fond goodbye to Letterman this week when they were relieved from active duty and once again became civilians.

WAC

The name of Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** CO of the WAC detachment, was on the first list of WAC officers appointed in the Regular Army. She was sworn in recently at Sixth Army headquarters, and at present the only RA WAC officer at Letterman. She is being kept busy these days acknowledging the congratulations of her friends.

The return of a ping-pong table to the WAC dayroom has been a source of recreation for a number of detachment members. Among those participating in games Saturday were Corporal **Lorraine Fincher,** Sergeant **Betty Wugan,** Corporal **Hank Zuzga** and Sergeant First Class **Ellie Eaton.**

Sergeant **Reba Birum** departed Sunday on a 15 day leave. She plans to spend her vacation in Los Angeles.

Another WAC heading south on a 10 day leave is Sergeant **Betty Wugan.** She, too, is going to Los Angeles—there must be **something** besides cold weather down there.

Sergeant **Ann Woodruff** and Sergeant First Class **Virginia Grasso,** stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, were visitors to the detachment last week. Sergeant Woodruff was supply sergeant for Captain **Charlotte Woodruff** in Berlin, and Sergeant Grasso came to San Francisco to say hello to Sergeant First Class **Lestie Roach.** Both visitors were quite impressed with the great metropolis of San Francisco, and stated that they would like to be stationed here.

Last Sunday, Corporal **Marilouise Damm** was the dinner guest of Mrs. (Sergeant) **Dorothy "Gussie" Coleman** and her husband.

Corporal **Hank Zuzga** has returned to duty from leave—the only difficulty she encountered so far was the task of getting out of bed at such an early hour once more. Adjustments, always adjustments!

Sergeant **Jeannie Marsland,** a former Lettermanite and now stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, has recently been promoted to her present grade. She stated in a letter that she hates to admit it, but she is wishing she were back in California. The mud is so prevalent at her present station that she has to polish her shoes at least three times a day—that's enough reason for anybody to want to be back in California.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 20 February 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Plan Defense Against Attack By Atom Bomb

(AFPS)—Plans for averting a civilian disaster in the event of an atomic weapon attack were outlined recently in New York at a joint meeting of the Military Surgeons and the New York Academy of Medicine.

The master plan was proposed by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General of the Army, in a message prepared for the meeting and delivered by Col. William L. Wilson, aide to The Surgeon General.

General Bliss' program called for the careful co-ordination of the nation's military and civilian medical personnel and facilities. His speech pointed out that, despite predictions of no defense against atomic radiation, a well meshed system of organization can and will be achieved.

The Surgeon General proposed a four phase program which included the classification of the civilian population with the idea of determining the fitness of each individual for emergency duty, development of minimum health service standards, and inventory of civilian and military medical resources in uniform language to facilitate ready appraisals of combined resources, and the classification of health personnel to facilitate transfer between civilian and wartime employment.

The prior task of education is to inspire, and to give a sense of values and the power of distinguishing what is first rate from what is not.
—Sir Richard Livingstone.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MILDRED JOHNSON
Corporal

Corporal Mildred Johnson, most recent addition to the ranks of the WAC detachment here at Letterman, is right at home in hosiptals, having worked in them as a civilian and as a WAC. She has recently enlisted in the Woman's Army Corps for the second time, this time in the Regular Army, and so far all her assignments have been in Army hospitals, which is the way she likes it.

Millie was born in Schurz, Nevada, and after finishing high school there she worked as a nurse's aide in the Walker River Hospital in Schurz. In August 1945 she joined the WAC, and went to Des Moines for her basic training. Her first duty station was the station hospital at Camp Pickett, Virginia, where she spent nearly a year.

She was then assigned to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and there she worked on a woman's ward until she received her discharge from the Army in June of 1948.

She returned to Nevada and spent the next six months working at Walker River Hospital again, but decided that she liked Army life the best after all, and in January of this year she was sworn into the Regular Army. She asked for assignment to Letterman partly because she would be fairly near her home (Schurz is about 80 miles from Reno), and partly because she had liked San Francisco so much during a visit here in 1942. She has been assigned to duty on the ward B-1 dressing room which she likes because of the good experience she is getting there, but she is very fond of children, and hopes eventually to work in pediatrics here.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pfc. **Dick Romero,** patient on ward F-2 combines bicycling with carpentry in the functional Occupational Therapy Shop, and has recently used the bicycle saw to make a wood cover for a new photo album and to cut the material for a corner shelf he is constructing.

Last week a group of Letterman patients watching a television broadcast viewed the boxng bouts that were televised at the Sports Center here, and they were happily surprised when during an intermission, First Lieut. **Anne B. Zunick,** ANC, of the Letterman nurses, was interviewed. It was a case of love at first sight with at least one of the group, who promptly became a Zunick fan and lost no time in sending her a letter containing a proposal of marriage. In spite of this aggressive action, he is apparently a shy individual, and used a pseudonym to sign the letter. A search of the files fails to reveal a patient by the name of **Ignatius Muldoon,** so he may still be waiting for an answer, not knowing that Lieutenant Zunick, who didn't want to keep him in suspense, sent off a rejection of his offer by return mail.

Corporal **Lossie Hicks,** patient on ward F-2, is becoming quite a craftsman, and having woven two rugs, is now turning his attention to working with plastic.

The Valentine formal dance held at the "Y" Wednesday evening was a big success, and everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of the dance ochestra group from the Letterman band. They rejoice in the rather gruesome name of "Spook and His Little Monsters." No one seems to want to take credit for dreaming up this name, but the members of the orchestra are: Pfc. **Bob Silvira,** drummer, who leads the band; Pfc. **Bill Bowen,** piano; **Sgt. Gerald Opanowski,** string bass; Pvt. **Ronnie Larmer,** first trumpet; Pvt. **Carroll Tuttle,** alto saxophone; Pfc. **Cliff Lawton,** tenor saxophone. Cpl. **Bert Einum** is business manager.

Pvt. **Gailard Wagner** of ward 42, longtime Letterman patient is going in for ceramics these days, and has turned out some very nice pieces recently.

"Oh, it's the pixie in him." That's what people say about **George Hollister,** veteran patient on ward E-1, who likes to think up things to do to bedevil his wardmates. But they seem to like his tricks, at that.

Two ex-Lettermanites, one a former patient, Captain **Eric Vogt,** and Miss **Elizabeth Cooper,** formerly in Occupational Therapy here, were married recently in the post chapel as Fort Mason.

C. C. Loofbourrow, patient on ward M-2, set up a loom, warped and threaded it, and has completed work on two beautiful rugs.

Exams are over now for **Paul Danielson,** veteran patient on ward D-2, and he can draw a long breath of relief. He just completed an extension course in cost accounting and business administration.

Pfc. **John Kinsey,** patient on ward C-2, and veteran **Tom Erwin,** of ward 31, have become so proficient in jewelry making and stonecutting that they are about ready to become assistants to Pfc. **Ned Kellywood,** O. T. instructor in the jewelry section.

Pvt. **Robert Taylor** of ward 41 is busy making a pin and earring set of abalone shell. He cut and polished the shell and is putting it in silver settings.

Louis Saporita, veteran patient on ward K-2, was especially happy this week, and the reason for it, he explained, is because his condition has improved so much since his recent arrival here.

...**Harry V. Daniels,** who is a veteran patient on ward C-2, wonders why it took him so long to find out how interesting playing in mud could be. He is seriously considering taking up ceramics as a life hobby.

Pfc. **Jack L. Billings,** longtime patient on ward K-2 who returned to duty last November, entered the hospital again this month after being injured in a mortocycle accident, and is now a patient on ward D-1. He says he has taken a solemn resolution never to ride another motorcycle.

Ward counsellors keep trying to interest **James A. Coventry** of ward E-2 in putting his time to good use in various educational pursuits. So far he has not given in, but he **has** issued a statement to the effect that he prefers feminine counsellors only.

ON THE SPOT



GUSTAV FRANZEN
Private

They say of Private Gustav Franzen, who is at present a patient on ward 29, that he practically owns a wing of the hospital, since he has been here as a patient for over three years, since December 1945. He is leaving Letterman this week, and says it will be "just about like leaving home." In preparation for the future he has taken the VA aptitude tests, and intends to attend Lessman's Business School here in San Francisco with the idea of becoming a court reporter.

Gus was born in Portland, Oregon, but has made his home in San Francisco for nearly 20 years. He was learning the candy business when he entered the Army in September 1941. After basic training at Fort Roberts, near Paso Robles, Califorina, he served on guard duty with the 40th Division at March Field, Long Beach and Seal Beach before going to Fort Lewis, Washington, for six months.

In September 1942 he went overseas, and served in Hawaii and on various islands in the Pacific. In 1944 he was at Leyte in the Philippines, and was with the force that made the landing on Cebu Island. He was wounded in combat in April 1945, receiving an injury to his right leg. After being hospitalized on Leyte for three months, he was sent back to the States by air. He was at Letterman for a few days, then spent some time at both Hammond General Hospital in Modesto and Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park before returning to LGH for further treatment.

He will be living at home with his parents now that he is leaving LGH, and hopes to have time along with his business studies to indulge in his hobby of carpentry.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Marshall Douglas of the Photo Lab and his wife, **Lori,** are currently enjoying a month's vacation south of the border. They plan to travel by car to Mexico City. Marshall will return with many interesting tales of his trip and will take many photographs to back up his stories.

Gwen Skopin of the Baggage Room is on leave and spending it snow-bound at Donner Summit. She reports via mail that she hopes to thaw out before Spring.

Esther Kleinclaus of the Detachment of Patients office certainly has will power .She spent one day shopping this week and didn't buy a single thing.

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room isn't waiting for spring to do her house cleaning. Her family is in the throes of painting the interior of the house, and with washing windows, hanging curtains, waxing and polishing floors. Mrs. Diez will be a very happy person when everything is finished.

Sara Lee Wilson of the Laundry took her cocker spaniel "Champ" for his first run on the beach last Sunday, and had a lot of fun watching his happy antics as he chased everything in sight, from other dogs to horses to ocean waves.

Emily Knepp of the Dental Clinic is "pleased as Punch" over her newly acquired apartment in the Marina District.

Glorine DeWitt of the Eye Clinic has resigned to take up the duties of home making.

Pat Patterson of the Sick & Wounded office returned to duty after several days illness at home and **Mary Bensen** of Civilian Personnel is at home due to illness.

We extend a hearty welcome to **Dr. Hillard Lerner,** the new civilian dentist in the Dental Clinic.

Bea Cohn of the Dental Clinic is planning a week end trip to Los Angeles to visit with friends.

Louise Slechta of the East Hospital Post Exchange recently returned from a vacation of five weeks spent in Minnesota. Claims it was too cold and too much snow around to suit her.

"How is Joe getting along at the hospital?"

"He's doing fine, but he won't be out as soon as we thought he would."

"Have you seen his doctor?"

"No, but I've seen his nurse."

HERE FROM THE OSG FOR INSPECTION OF THE LGH FOOD SERVICE BRANCH



Captain LYDIA ROMERSA, WMSC
Washington visitor from the Office of The Surgeon General

Captain Lydia Romersa, WMSC, who is assistant to the Chief, Dietitians Section, WMSC, in the Office of The Surgeon General, was at Letterman this week for the annual Food Service inspection, accompanying Major Thor Anderson, QMC, Office of The Quartermaster General. They are making inspections of the Food Service at general hospitals in the Fifth and Sixth Army areas, and left the end of the week for Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver.

"Eating a meal in every mess is part of our routine," said Captain Romersa, and remarked that her enjoyment of one of the meals she had here was enhanced by the gay Valentine decorations in the Letterman mess halls on Monday.

Captain Romersa, who was born in Red Lodge, Montana, majored in foods and nutrition at Montana State College at Bozeman, and had her training as an Army dietitian at Walter Reed General Hospital in 1932. She remained there as a member of the dietitians staff until 1936, when she went to the station hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a two-year stay. She went back to duty at Walter Reed in 1938 for three years, and in 1941 was sent to O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., as chief dietitian. She was there for nearly five years, and was commissioned in the WMSC in 1943.

In June 1946 she went overseas to Germany as consulting dietitian in the office of the theatre chief surgeon at Frankfurt, and also served at the 97th General Hospital. During two years overseas she visited a number of European countries, among them, France, Italy, Switzerland and England. Upon her return in June 1948 she was assigned to the OSG in her present capacity.

The captain's first name of Lydia has earned for her the nickname of "Pinkie" (as in Lydia Pinkham, she points out). She likes to read, especially "whodunits," but also enjoys biographies and historical novels. Her hobby is making crazy quilts, and she has a section of one with her on this trip, but confesses that so far it lies neglected in her luggage.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

First Sergeant **John Cook** reports that the men who left on the hospital train last month have returned from tdy or "company punishment" at Camp Kilmer. It seems they call it that because the snow and cold weather does not agree with the men from balmy San Francisco.

Corporal **Ruby James** recently had his first sight of New York City, and upon his return made the statement that "those buildings would shore hold a lot of hay."

The evacuation "fishbowl" has really turned into a fishbowl, and the men are rapidly becoming pisciculturists. Aquarium fever, inaugurated by Sergeant First Class **Treen Burrows,** has now spread through almost all the sections.

"Queenie," the unit mascot, is happy again since Corporal **John David** has returned from Camp Kilmer. She has resumed her post outside the barracks and awaits his arrival and departure.

Two figures are constantly to be seen reviewing the area—Sergeant First Class **Daniel Rostron** and his colleague Sergeant **Alfred Sanchez,** who are the new NCOs in charge of professional services.

A look into Corporal **Reginald Johnson's** room proves that there is a "Ford in his future." The walls are bedecked with pictures of the new 1949 Ford which he plans to acquire on the date of his reenlistment. People keep telling him it's wonderful to be a dreamer.

Pfc. **John Zeitler** has that "faraway places" look in his eye these days. He hopes to sail for the Orient to search for adventure and romance. There's just one drawback—he hasn't got a boat.

Corporal **Gerald Whitaker** of Transportation Section is receiving his discharge today. He will be living in San Jose and plans to go to school there next Fall. His HTU friends are wishing him the best of luck for the future.

Two new men have been welcomed to the Hospital Train Section—Pfc. **Jack S. Turner** and Recruit **John Bruce.**

The hillbilly tenor is an example of a singer that warbles by ear through his nose.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations go this week to Master Sergeant **William E. Braye** of the Receiving Office, who won a first prize in the Sixth Army phase of the current All-Service Photography Contest for his color photograph titled "Japanese Children in Ceremonial Dress." Sergeant Braye's entry will now be sent to Washington for judging in the All-Service finals.

When Corporal **Donald Hill** of the N-P Service gets his planned-for three-day pass, he will be joyously humming "In the Market Place in Old Monterey," that being his destination during his time off. He says he won't guarantee that he'll spend most of his time in the "market place," however.

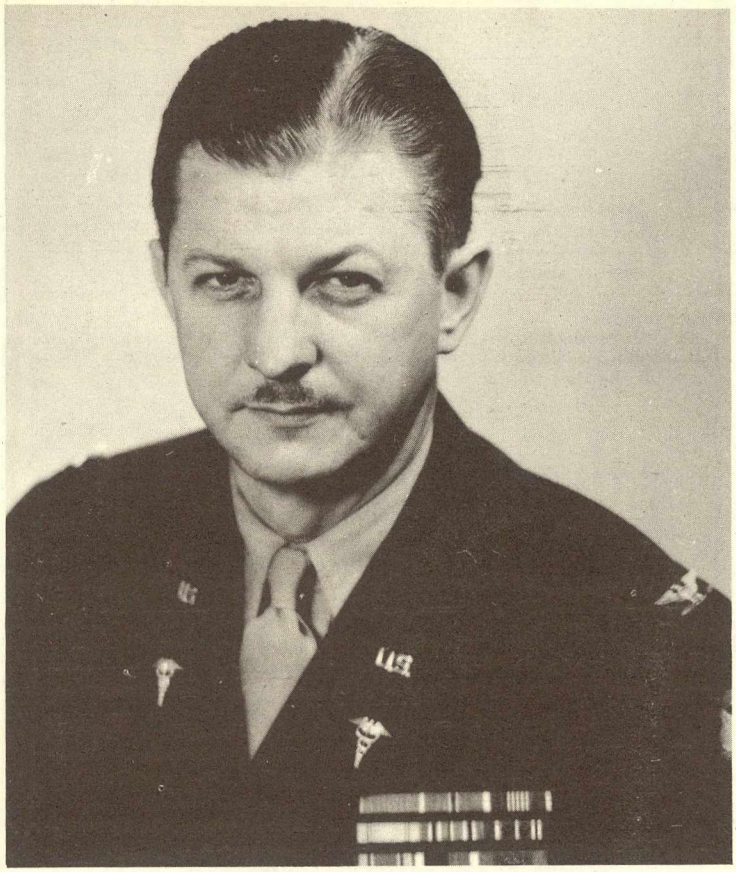
Master Sergeant **Desmond Honnold** of the Registrar's Office surprised his friends with news of his recent marriage. His bride is the former miss **Lorraine Patrick,** who is from Wisconsin. The wedding ceremony took place in Oakland, and the couple spent their honeymoon there.

When his personal mail is scarce, Sergeant First Class **Fred Goldenberg** of A-1 mess is heard to say mournfully that none of his friends know how to write. But Sergeant First Class Lee Dexter, also of A-1 mess, says that's just nonsense, and when he calls for the mail for the mess at the Message Center, he always asks for "Goldenberg's" mail.

We hear rumors that the former Pfc. **Richard McClure,** who left here in January to hit the civilian trail willingly and gladly, is now at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and will shortly return to Letterman, once more in uniform. This comes as something of a surprise, in view of the "no re-enlistment for me" remarkgs we used to hear from McClure.

People are talking approvingly about the good job the new Board of Governors is doing at the NCO Club. When the proposed improvements are completed in the near future the members will be enjoying steak dinners, and smorgasbord meals will be added attractions at all the dances.

NEW CHIEF OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE IS WELL QUALIFIED FOR HIS JOB



Colonel ARTHUR E. WHITE, MC
New Chief of Physical Medicine

The task of elevating Physical Medicine to the eminance long enjoyed by the other branches of the healing art at Letterman is the project ahead of Colonel Arthur E. White, who was recently assigned to our medical staff.

Physical Medicine is relatively new and not everyone knows that it is the progressive successor to "Rehabilitation" of World War I and "Physical Reconditioning" of the early days of World War II. Dr. William Bierman, who has written a book on the subject, in the preface of his work tells us that "Physical Medicine" and "Physical Therapy" are synonymous terms. He goes on further to say that physical medicine concerns itself with the use of certain physical measures in the treatment and the diagnosis of disease. Its therapeutic scope is large, but its diagnostic applications are limited.

In the preface to the second edition of his book, "Physical Medicine in General Practice," Dr. Bierman refers to the many advances since the Second World War and states that the major development is the wider recognition society owes to those of its citizens who have become handicapped by disease, or as a result of injuries sustained in combat and in industry.

Physical Medicine is now recognized as a specialty within the structure of the American Medical Association, and residencies and fellowships have been made available in many hospitals and medical schools. Under the residency training program sponsored by the Army Medical Department there are residencies established at Letterman and the four other teaching hospitals.

Colonel White by his training and experience is well qualified to fill the assignment as Chief of Physical Medicine. He joined us after more than two years as Chief of Physical Medicine at Percy Jones General Hospital, and prior to that had graduate training at Northwestern University School of Medicine, the Mayo Clinic, Presbyterian Medical Center, New York Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, and University of Texas Medical School.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Physical Medicine, a fellow of The American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Congress of Physical Medicine.

Colonel White comes to us with many new ideas in his specialty which time may prove to be of great value in enhancing the field of Physical Medicine.



To Captain and Mrs. Rex H. Hampton, a boy, **Robin Virgil,** born 31 January.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Wiliam J. Barker, a boy, **William Joseph, Jr.,** born 1 February.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Leonard B. Roberts, a girl, **Uneijce Jean,** born 1 February.

To. Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Tornabene, a girl, **Norma Ann,** born 1 February.

To Recruit and Mrs. Rudolph N. Trevino, a girl, **Vangie Lee,** born 2 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas D. Williams, a girl, **Margaret Ann,** born 3 February.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Otis B. Carrick, a boy, **David Allen,** born 3 February.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Donald A. Donah, a boy, **David Allan,** born 3 February.

To Private and Mrs. Lawrence W. Vierra, a boy **Steve Lawrence,** born 4 February.

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To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Thomas R. McGrath, a boy, **Thomas Reginald,** Jr., born 3 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Howard E. Marshall, a girl, **Teri Dawn,** born 4 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Richard J. Sawatsky, a girl, **Linda Marie,** born 4 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Dieter Wulf Rampendahl, a boy, **Eric Todd,** born 4 February.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. William A. Capps, a girl, **Anita Linda,** born 6 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Rudolph L. Coletti, a girl, **Ann Marie,** born 6 February.

CHUCKLES

By Armed Forces Press Service

1st Sgt.: "My wife is trying to reduce. This morning she touched the floor with her chin without bending her knees."

Company Clerk: "How did she do that?"

1st Sgt.: "She fell out of bed!"

Guardhouse Inmate, Cell 1: "Trouble just runs in my family. When my grandfather was a boy, his mamma couldn't break him from sliding down the bannister. So she covered it with barbed wire."

Cell 2: "Did that stop him?"

Cell 1: "No, but it slowed him down a lot!"

Gal: "I see here in the paper that men who marry live longer."

Guy: "Nah, married men don't live longer—it just seems longer!"

An ex-supply Sergeant, going into business for himself, wired the manufacturer for a gross of stoves for his retail hardware concern. The factory wired back negatively, saying, "Not until you pay for that last consignment."

The retailer answered, "Cancel order. Am unable to wait that long."

Mess Sergeant (to new cook): "How did you make out salting that chicken?"

Cook: "Well, I salted him in the kitchen about a half hour ago, I salted him in the supply room about fifteen minutes ago, and right now, I'm salting him in the dining room."

M.S.: "Why did you have to go to all those places to salt one fowl!"

Cook: "He wouldn't stay in one room!"

Sgt: "They tell me your girl's figure looks like a million dollars!"

Cpl: "It sure does, but she has an awful lot invested in the wrong places!"

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'Twas in a restaurant they sat, Romeo and Juliet.

He had no money to pay the debt, so Rome-owed what Juli-ett.

It seems that a girl and her boy friend were very much in love. So much so, in fact, that when fate separated them and sent him to a distant city, he telegraphed messages of devotion and affection each morning.

Every day for three years, the same Western Union boy knocked on the girl's door, bringing the messages of undying love.

At the end of three years, they were married—the girl and the Western Union boy.

Vignettes of Military History

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EFFICIENCY REPORTS—VINTAGE 1813

Reprinted below are excerpts from an efficiency report which has been gathering dust these many years. Names of the officers have been changed; and any similarity to persons living or dead is coincidental.

"Lower Seneca Town, August 15th 1813.

Sir:

I forward a list of the officers of the—th Regt. of Infty. arranged agreeable to rank. Annexed thereto you will find all the observations I deem necessary to make.

Respectfully, I am, Sir,
Yo. Obt. Sevt.,
Lewis Cass"

—th Regt. Infantry

Alexander Brown—Lt. Col., Comdg.—A good natured man.
Clark Crowell—first Major—A good man, but no officer.
Jess B. Wordsworth—2nd Major—An excellent officer.
Captain Shaw—A man of whom all unite in speaking ill—A knave despised by all.
Captain Thomas Lord—Indifferent, but promises well.
Captain Rockwell—An officer of capacity, but imprudent and a man of violent passions.

Captain Dan I. Ware, Captain Parker } Strangers but little known in the regiment.

1st Lt. Jas. Kearns, 1st Lt. Thomas Dearfoot } Merely good—nothing promising.

1st Lt. Wm. Herring, 1st Lt. Danl. Land, 1st Lt. Jas. I. Bryan, 1st Lt. Robert McKewell } Low, vulgar men, with the exception of Herring. From the meanest walks of life—possessing nothing of the character of officers and gentlemen.

1st Lt. Robert Cross—Willing enough—has much to learn—with small capacity.
2nd Lt. Nicholas Farmer—A good officer, but drinks hard and disgraces himself and the Service.
2nd Lt. Stewart Berry—An ignorant unoffending fellow.
2nd Lt. Darrow—Just joined the Regiment—of fine appearance.

2nd Lt. Pierce, 2nd Lt. Thos. G. Slicer, 2nd Lt. Oliver Warren } Raised from the ranks, but all behave well and promise to make excellent officers.

2nd Lt. Royal Gore, 2nd Lt. Means, 2nd Lt. Clew, 2nd Lt. McLear } All promoted from the ranks, low, vulgar men, without one qualification to recommend them—more fit to carry the hod than the epaulette.

2nd Lt. John G. Sheaffer, 2nd Lt. Francis T. Whelan } Promoted from the ranks. Behave well and will make good officers.

Ensign Behan—The very dregs of the earth. Unfit for anything under heaven. God only knows how the poor thing got an appointment.

Ensign John Breen, Ensign Byor } Promoted from the ranks—men of no manner and no promise.

Ensign North—From the ranks. A good young man who does well.

Extracted from the Adjutant General's School Bulletin, April 1942.

Are Men Weaker Sex?

By Armed Forces Press Service

Are men the weaker sex? Statistics say so!

Masculine egos blinked, and took another look recently when a national insurance company announced that the average woman is slated to live more than five years longer than Mr. Average Guy!

Not counting the military mortality incurred during World War II, a ratio of approximately four women to every six males passed away during the '41-'45 period.

Life expectancy in the United States, while tops throughout the world, is presently breaking it's own record with an all-time high of 70.28 years for the gals as against 65.12 for the fellows.

Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, noted medical columnist, pens the belief that the fair sex rate top billing because "men work too hard."

Cancer, usually considered more a feminine disease, was cited by survey reports as killing 87.7 males to every 81.8 females. And, even though Joe normally gets more fresh, outside air in his lungs than Sally does, his sex's TB percentages lead at a rate of 42.7 to 21.3, and his pneumonia fatalities were 29.5 as compared to a rate of 15.5 for the women.

Maybe these figures will stymie the wise guys who pooh-poohed one Chicago doctor's suggestion that men be given street car seats to prolong their life.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Disability compensation, pension or subsistence allowance paid by Veterans Administration to veterans or their dependents are not considered as income for income-tax purposes, VA reports.

However, income that veterans may earn on part-time jobs while attending educational institutions full-time, or earn while on-the-job training, is subject to taxation under existing tax laws.

Also subject to taxation is the earned income of veterans or their dependents drawing disability compensation or pension. Only the compensation or pension paid by VA is tax-exempt.

Question: While in training under the G. I. Bill, I was dropped from subsistence rolls because my monthly progress reports failed to reach VA in time. What should I do to be restored to the rolls?

Answer: You should check with your employer and urge that he send in reports. You will be restored to the rolls as soon as your progress reprt is received. The progress report must be received by VA within 60 days of the first delinquency or you will lose the subsistence for the delinquent period.

Question: Is it possible for a veteran to complete his last two grades in elementary school under the G.I. Bill?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Will VA pay the traveling costs for my son who is in a VA hospital and who intends to visit home?

Answer: No. All travel while on leave from a VA hospital is at the expense of the veteran.

Eligible veterans with one dependent or no dependents at all will receive their increase to $75 and $105 a month automatically about May 1. The raises will also be automatic to disabled veterans, studying under Public Law 16, since VA already has information on file regarding the number of dependents.

However, veterans studying under the G. I. Bill who want the $120 a month subsistence for more than one dependent must apply for it. These veterans are urged to contact their nearest VA representative or office immediately. They should bring with them birth certificates, or certified copies, proving they have at least two dependents.

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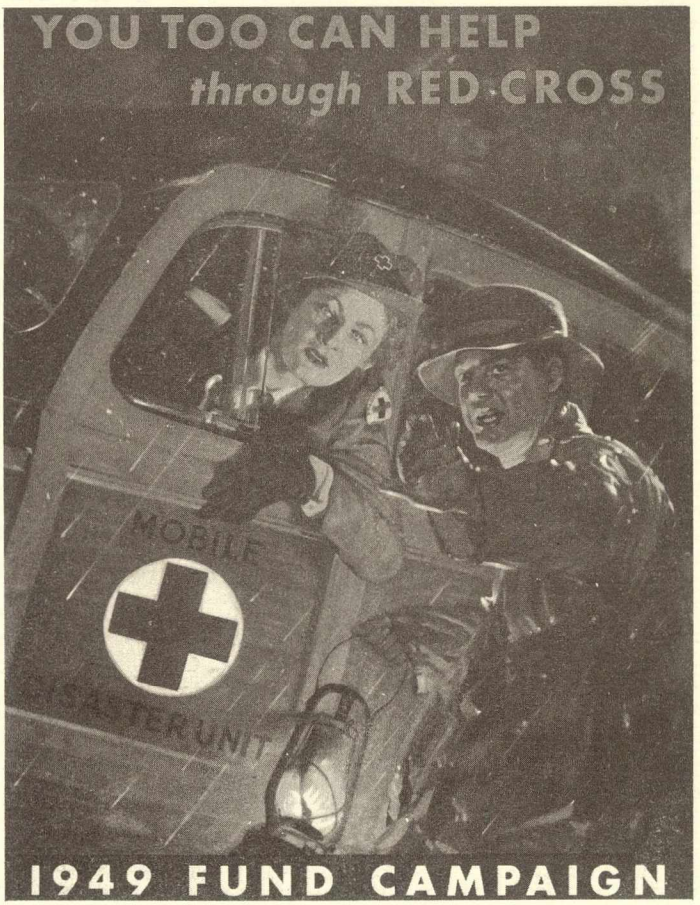
Red Cross Annual Fund Drive Starts Here Next Week

The annual Red Cross fund campaign will begin next week and continue throughout the month of March, and officer and civilian personnel of Letterman are asked to make their contributions through the hospital. Enlisted personnel will not be asked for donations, but voluntary contributions may be made at the tables by those who desire to do so.

At a meeting of the hospital's Red Cross Fund committee held this week chairmen were appointed to solicit funds in each department here. Members of the committee are First Lieut. Oliver Rajala, MSC; First Lieut. Frances Harllee, MSC, and Miss Grace Guilford, Red Cross field director. Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Letterman commandant, has asked that all possible cooperation be given the organization in making the drive a success.

It has been pointed out that many servicemen and their families are unfamiliar with the services which are available to them through their local Red Cross office. Some of these services are, in additional to emergency financial aid, counseling, guidance and other help with personal and family problems, helps with claims for government benefits, emergency communication services through chapter Home Service workers with any home community in the country, and officially-recognized verifications of home emergencies on which commanding officers base their decisions to grant leave.

In military hospitals in the U. S. and overseas, professional ARC social service workers are available and volunteer workers give many hours of their time in providing personal services for the patients.



The fund campaign goal for 1949 is $60,000,000, which is $15,000,000 less than was asked for last year. The money will carry on services to the Armed Forces, disaster service, service to veterans, and other Red Cross programs designed to promote the health and safety of American communities.

Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall, in pledging the support of the Department of the Army in the 1949 campaign, had this to say of the work of the organization:

"The American National Red Cross, throughout the years of its existence, has proved itself one of the most unique and distinguished organizations for the concentration of healthy, unselfish democratic strength in our nation. Founded upon a great ethical principle of service which is as old as humanity, it has steadily increased the scope of its work to the point at which, in our time, it has become one of our basic national necessities."

Congress Holds Hearings on New Pay Increases

The matter of an increase in pay for the personnel of the Armed Forces made the front pages and the news broadcasts this week when a sub-committee of the House held hearings on the proposal.

The Secretary of Defense, James E. Forrestal, told the committee the military pay scales need broad revision and the proposed pay bill is the result of a study made by a board of civilians. Mr. H. L. Whiting, of Chicago, told the committee that military pay structure is out of balance, and Charles R. Hook, head of the pay study board, expressed the opinion that pay scales in the services should be on a par with rewards for similar responsibility in private industry.

Under the proposed bill the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Coast and Geodetic Survey personnel would benefit, as all are considered part of the uniformed forces of the nation.

The increase would range from 3.03 per cent for Army privates, and comparable rank, to 49.58 per cent for the grade of brigadier general. Those not benefiting would be Army and Navy recruits. They reach full enlisted rank, however, after six months.

The pay study board observed that the pay of high officers has gone up very little since 1908 when the last general revision was made. Two years ago there was a 10 per cent boost for field grade and 10 per cent for company grade officers. Meantime upper enlisted brackets have doubled in pay, and the lowest enlisted grades have almost quadrupled their income.

Our Spectacular Neighbor - - The Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge is a familiar sight to all of us. Not long ago we came upon a paper describing the operation connected with the administration of the big enterprise, and we asked permission, which was immediately granted, to reprint excerpts from the official report of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District.

Colorful and impressive, the Golden Gate Bridge, familiar though it is, is still not taken for granted either by San Franciscans or by visitors to the city. They pause to admire, whether by day, when the bridge is brilliant in the sunlight against the green hills of Marin County, or at night, when the yellow sodium vapor lights fling a lofty path of gold across the span.

An average of nearly 22,000 cars crossed the bridge daily during the last fiscal year, but on summer holidays as many as 40,000 cars cross in a single day. The largest number of cars recorded as crossing in one day was on the first day the bridge was opened to vehicles, 28 May 1937, when 51,785 passed through the toll gates. On the previous day the bridge had been restricted to pedestrian use, and on that day approximately 200,000 persons took advantage of the opportunity to walk across the Golden Gate.

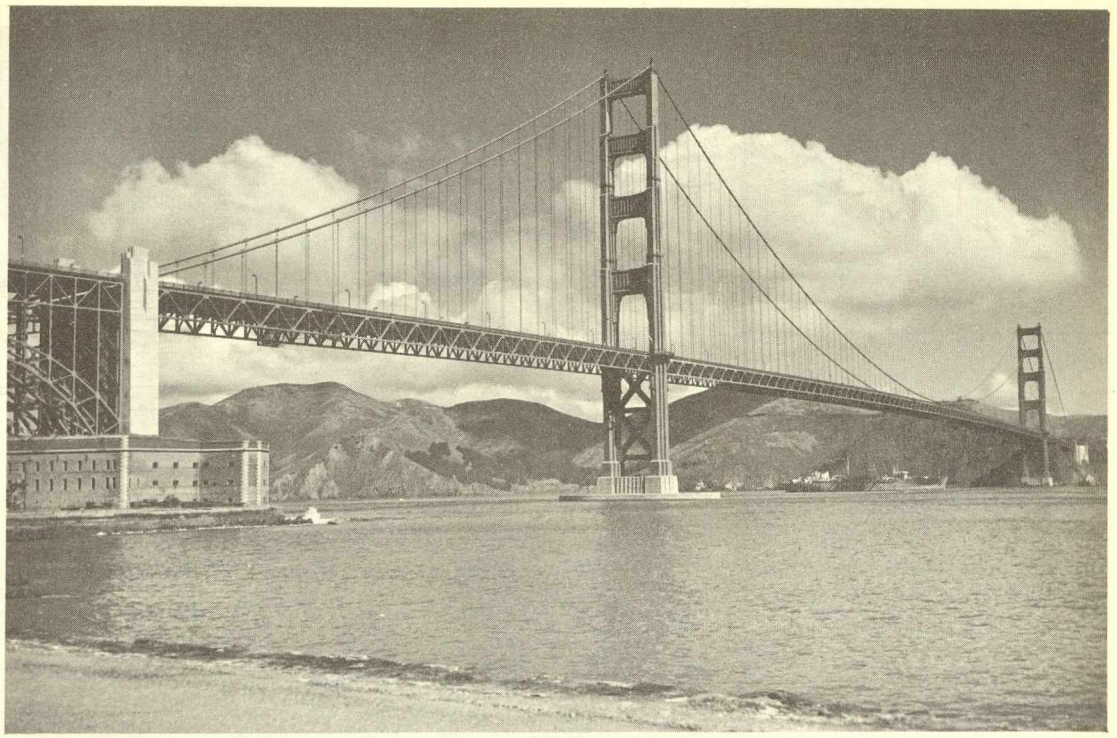
The policing of the bridge and its approaches is taken care of by a squad from the California Highway Patrol, consisting of 10 traffic officers under the direction of a captain and three sergeants.

The Golden Gate Bridge is the world's longest single span suspension bridge, and its operation and maintenance is directed from the Administration Building situated at the toll plaza.

The position of toll collector is a very important one, for the toll collector is the contact man of the Bridge District with the public, and he is required to maintain a friendly, courteous attitude toward the patrons of the Bridge.

The collection of tolls is performed by a squad of 16 full-time collectors directed by a toll captain with the assistance of four sergeants. Additional part-time men are used as traffic conditions require.

Fourteen lanes are provided through which traffic is passed for the purpose of toll collection. These lanes may be opened or closed according to traffic requirements. They may also be opened to accommodate traffic from either direction.



THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

The World's longest single span suspension bridge, which has been a stately sentinel at the Golden Gate for nearly 12 years. I t was first opened to automobile traffic on 28 May 1937

Communication between the toll captain, the sergeant and the collectors on duty is by means of "Voycall," a two-way system permitting direct conversation between a collector and his superiors. In addition, the captain or sergeant may, by opening a switch, listen in on a conversation in any lane between the collector and a patron. The advantages of this feature are many and obvious.

The toll recording system is said to be the fastest electric recording system in use on any bridge, the time required for an average toll transaction not exceeding six seconds. The manufacturers' recording capacity rating for this equipment is 600 cars per lane per hour. This number, however, has been exceeded when 647 cars passed through a single lane within one hour.

The maintenance work on the bridge and its approaches is performed by men well equipped for that type of work, and they receive the regular scale of wages prevailing in this area for work of similar character.

Electricity plays a prominent part in the bridge operation, and a chief electrician, together with a number of capable assistants, is in active control of the electrical equipment at all times.

A steel structure in such an exposed position as the Golden Gate Bridge must, at all times, be kept well painted. Therefore skilled painters give careful attention to this important item of maintenance.

The quality of paint now in use was determined after three years of paint testing. These paints were submitted by various paint manufacturers, and in selecting the color, durability as well as artistic value was given due consideration. Well known artists and color authorities gave advice on the choice of color, and "International Orange" was chosen for its pleasing effect and harmonizing quality with the surrounding landscape.

A tow car and a fire truck are stationed at the toll plaza, each on 24 hour service, and they are operated by competent men.

Telephones are located at convenient points on the bridge, and from these a patrolman, the towing car or the fire apparatus may be called.

The District has provided, and maintains and operates under Government requirement, a lighthouse on the San Francisco pier; revolving air beacons atop each main tower; pier lamps; mid-channel lights; obstruction lights on each bridge cable; two diaphones at the center of the main span, and two typhones at the San Francisco pier.

It is said that the lighthouse is the only one to be situated on a bridge, and that the diaphones are the only fog signals in the world toward which boats may steer, instead of avoid.

The navigation lights and signals must be ready to function at all times and in addition to the regular equipment and power source, emergency stand-by service is instantly available if required.

The roadway throughout the entire length of the main structure and the approaches is lighted by sodium vapor roadway lights, mounted on specially designed electroliers, and spaced 150 feet apart on either side of the roadway.

The bridge stands as a monument to man's achievement and a symbol of strength and beauty.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



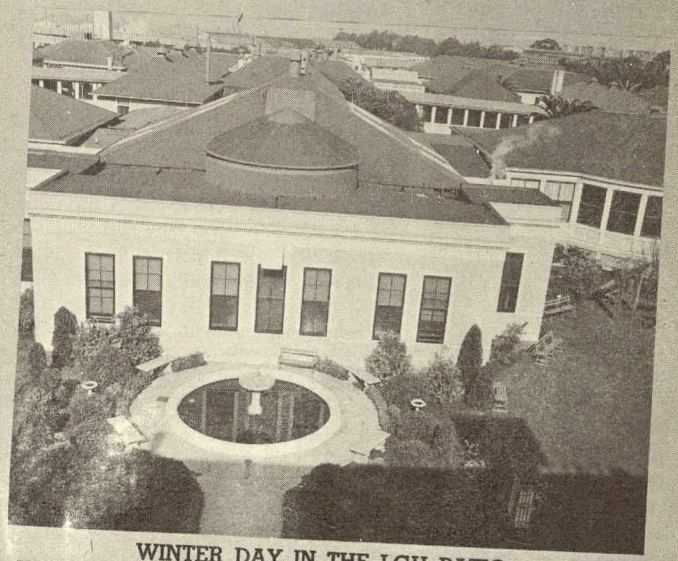
BETWEEN DANCES
Around the piano in the Recreation Center at a recent dance held there. Seated: Ethel Johnson of Chico, and Cpl. Fred Kennard, LGH patient. Standing, L R: Cpl. David L. Stowe, Dorothy Ericson, Red Cross recreation worker, Mary Hamilton, Cpl. Johnnie A. Foster, Pvt. Mose Vershen, Pvt. Wilton Perkins. Miss Johnson and Miss Hamilton are hostesses from the Berkeley USO.



CHECK FOR MARCH OF DIMES FUNDS
Collected at Fort Ord is presented to two polio patients at Letterman by Major General Walter M. Robertson, deputy commander, Sixth Army. Patient in iron lung is Pfc. Jacob Wilson, ward E-2. Standing, L to R: Capt. Alma C. Frey, ANC; Capt. Ernest Adams, MC; CWO Verne Knapp, patient, ward D-2; Capt. Donald F. Petersen, Fort Ord; General Robertson.



KLGH BROADCAST
Patti Moore and Ben Lessy (extreme right) currently playing an engagement at the Mark Hopkins, entertain LGH patients on a KLGH broadcast. The other guest stars on the program were Lowell Hanan, left, and Verne Reynolds, center. Second from left is Jim Green, KLGH announcer.



WINTER DAY IN THE LGH PATIO
Where the sun shines on a green scene at all seasons of the year. Sgt. Charles Werry, former Letterman patient, about to take off for Air Force duty in Germany, took the picture last week.

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ROLL CALL

The annual "Roll Call" for support of the American Red Cross will start this week. The goal set for this year is $60 millions.

The American Red Cross is an organization which belongs to the American people. There are no appropriated funds furnished by the government for its support. Voluntary donations from the people are the source of income for the maintenance of the full program of service to the community, state and nation.

Here at Letterman we have the representatives of the Red Cross as our valued auxiliaries. We like to consider the Red Cross staff as part of our official family. They make a definite contribution to the morale and welfare of our patients and the personnel engaged in their care.

The Commanding General is giving his whole hearted cooperation to the "Roll Call" and has appointed committees to represent all the branches of the military service as well as the civilian employees of this command.

There is no set quota in the amount of our participation in the drive for funds. We feel that our people will respond to the appeal in a manner reflecting credit on Letterman.



Member of the Physical Therapy staff were entertained Monday evening after the bowling game here at the home of First Lieut. **Lucile Burt, WMSC,** who provided appropriate refreshments to revive the weary bowlers.

First Lieut. **Virginia Earpe,** ANC, left this week for the East, having received her discharge from the Army. In January, Lieutenant Earpe became Mrs. Tait, and she will join her husband, Dr. **Robert Tait,** in Easton, Mass.

Another member of the Army Nurse Corps who is leaving to take up the duties of homemaker is First Lieut. **Ruth M. Wise,** who also received her discharge this week.

Betty Caldecott of Occupational Therapy will in future be known as 2d Lieut. Caldecott, and will be leaving shortly for Brooke Army Medical Center for two months basic training. At present she is on leave and had planned to go to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, but unfortuantely the leave is turning out to be sick leave because she has bronchitis and won't be able to make the trip.

A "welcome to Letterman" goes to First Lieut. **Susie M. Green,** ANC, of Savannah, Georgia, who arrived here last week. Her last duty station was the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

After spending a recent weekend in the snow indulging in plenty of skiing, First Lieut. **Betty Hearne,** WMSC, of Physical Therapy, returned to duty almost too stiff to move, but she bravely turned up for bowling and managed to make a good showing in spite of her aches and pains.

First Lieut. **Phyllis A. Hall,** ANC, and First Lieut. **Erna D. Segelken,** ANC, left Letterman this week for Fort Mason, and will be on hospital ship duty.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed after the 1215 Mass on Wednesday and again following the services at 1900 in the evening.

WAC

Something new has been added to the WAC Detachment in the form of domestic privileges. A kitchen, complete with stove and refrigerator, plus some food stock is now at the disposal of the detachment members. Two eggs over easy, please!

Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** received glad tidings in the form of a "Twix" alerting her for overseas shipment in April. "Far Away Places" is the current hit tune being hummed by other individuals who signed up for overseas duty and are anxiously awaiting word of approval.

Our detachment was well represented at the NCO Club Saturday night dance as was attested to by the various colored leis decorating the barracks after the occasion. No grass skirts were seen in the offing, however.

Sergeant **Barbara J. Thomas,** most recent addition to our WAC roster, was assigned here for duty after spending some time as a patient on ward O-1. Barbara and her husband returned from Japan last December, and her husband is now stationed with Sixth Army on the Presidio.

The following girls were in line for a three-day pass last week. Corporal **Ethel Stepp** and Sergeant First Class **Lestie Roach** went down to Los Angeles for their brief vacation. and Corporal **Sally Craig** remained in the WAC area (or thereabouts) for the duration of her pass.

Word has been heard from First Sergeant **Opal Glenn,** who is on furlough in Texas. She and her husband reached Texas safely, and somewhere along the way, they acquired another dog. Couldn't be that the place is "going to the dogs," could it?

Last week, all the WACs were issued canteens and mess gear. The only problem arising from the action is—where do we put them?

Approved

The value of the residency training program now operating at Letterman has been enhanced this week by approval of the American Specialty Boards for a three year residence in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as a one year residence in Pediatrics.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 27, February 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Diplomate

Major Robert B. Dickerson, MC, senior resident on the Medical Service, has just been informed by the American Board of Internal Medicine that he has successfully completed both parts of the examination for certification to the board, as a result of which he is now a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Major Dickerson's present assignment here is as assistant chief of the General Medical Section (enlisted personnel.

AnnounceEngagement

Colonel and Mrs. Boyd Lee Smith announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Lee Smith to Dr. Joseph William Parks Jr. of Newnan, Georgia, at a cocktail supper on St. Valentine's Day in their quarters, Fort Kamehameha, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity.

Dr. Parks, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph William Parks of Newnan, Georgia, attended Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and is a graduate of Emory University School of Medicine. He served for two years as an officer in the Army at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, and the 49th General Hospital in Japan.

The wedding will take place in May in Honolulu.

Colonel Smith, until recently, was stationed at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California. He is now Chief of the Dental Service, Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu.

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. EVELYNNE HODGIN
Payroll Section

Mrs. Evelynne Hodgin's work at Letterman is concerned with a matter that gives pleasures to a lot of people—she is in Payroll Section and is frequently the distributor of those welcome pieces of paper that translate into dollars. She likes to take the checks around and see all the happy smiles that decorate faces on payday.

Evelynne was born on a farm in Missouri. She attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and had the distinction of receiving her degree when she was only 19. She taught high school mathematics for a year, then was married and went back to farm life for awhile. Then her travels began. Her husband is with the Army Engineers, and Evelynne has gone from one extreme to another, climatically speaking, in accompanying him from place to place. After living for several years in the warm climate of New Orleans, she spent a year in Edmonton, Alberta, where on more than one occasion the thermometer descended to 37° below zero.

The Hodgins came to San Francisco in 1944, and after a time Evelynne took a civil service examination which resulted in her coming to Letterman in August 1947. She was in the Separation Office for several months, then last June began work on her present job in Payroll Section.

She and her husband own their home in the Sunset, and Evelynne says that one of her favorite occupations when off duty is "just resting." But her other activities make it sound as though she doesn't indulge herself that way very often, since they include making clothes for her five-year-old niece, bowling, gardening and reading.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Three Letterman patients, Pfc. **Gailard Wagner** and Sergeant **Tom Newell** of ward 42, and Corporal **William Ahlberg** of ward 29, are enjoying the gala weekend which features the Santa Anita handicap race. They went as the guests of **William Kyne,** general manager of the Bay Meadows racetrack.

Captain **John Platanack,** patient on ward A-1, who has been strictly a bed-patient since he came to Letterman on Christmas Eve, is able to be up this week and even take short walks up and down the corridor of the ward. Captain Platanack, whose home is in Pittsburg, was stationed at Oakland Army Base before he came here as a patient. He enjoys frequent visits from his wife, who usually stays overnight at the LGH guest house when she comes in from Pittsburg.

Our aplogies to Pvt. **Robert Tipler** of ward 41. Last week we reported that he was making a pin and earring set of abalone shell set in silver. That part was true, but we referred to him as "Robert Taylor," and we're sorry.

Master Sergeant **John Bays,** patient on ward E-2, really gets around since he's no longer confined to bed, and he's only too happy to be called a gadabout now that he has the opportunity to be one. He still finds time, though, along with his explorations of the hospital, to do leatherwork, in which he is plenty proficient.

It's reported that Pfc. **Bill Upham,** patient on ward 29, needs some support from his fellow Texans. He maintains that Texas is better than California, but the opposition from "native sons" is strong. At present Bill is working on weaving a rug of complicated design, in which each tuft is individually made, and when the rug s finished maybe the opposition will find that some of the tufts spell "Texas."

Among the other "eager weavers" in the Occupational Therapy shop are veterans **George Valencia** of ward 42 and **Paul Dozier** of ward F-2. George is making a novelty rug, and Paul, who intended to make just one rug and quit, has now finished two.

Army buses leave the YMCA building every Sunday at 1:30 p. m. for a tour of points of interest in San Francisco. They visit the zoo, Fisherman's Wharf, the museums, and other well known sights of the city, and patients who want to look the town over have only to be on hand at the appointed time in order to make the trip.

Last week the "Great Books" group moved from the library to the dayroom of ward D-2 so that Lieut. Col. **John Henninger,** who is in traction at present, could join in the discussion. And he did join in, in a very spirited manner, leavening the talk about Socrates with a lot of laughs. Also he was the only one willing and able to define the word "gadfly." Other patients who are interested in joining the group are invited to sit in on the next meeting, which will be held at 7:15 p.m., 4 March, on ward D-2.

Pfc. **Chuck Puckett,** patient on ward E-1, is busy in the Occupational Therapy shop with a printing project. He is making cocktail napkins, and he himself wrote the witty verse he is printing on them. It's expected that the napkins will become collectors' items when they get into circulation.

Last week's show at the Recreation Center featured headliners now playing at the Mark Hopkins—**Ben Blue, Patti Moore** and **Ben Lessy,** who played to an appreciative audience, and the guest star on the Thursday morning KLGH broadcast was **James Jewell,** one of the stars of the musical show "Allegro."

Captain **Frank Finn,** patient on ward A-1, had been on Okinawa only a couple of months, and was hospitalized during half that time, when he came to Letterman this month for treatment. Since he's a native of San Francisco and his wife and two children as well as his parents live here, he doesn't want for company. But he says he's anxious to get back to duty on Okinawa and spend enough time there so that his family can join him. He and his wife have two daughters—Barbara, who is nearly four, and Kathleen, nine months old.

You never know how the human voice can change until you hear a woman stop scolding her husband and answer the telephone.

ON THE SPOT



NED B. KELLYWOOD
Private First Class

Pfc. Ned Kellywood, who is the jewelry instructor in the Occupational Therapy Shop at Letterman, has been in the Army for only four years, but in that time he has served at an amazing number of stations, both in the United States and overseas.

While overseas he served in Hawaii, Iwojima, Midway, Korea, Japan, Shanghai and Alaska, and in the U. S. he was stationed at the following ports: Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Riley, Kan.; Camp Gruber, Okla.; Camp Swift, Tex.; Fort Lewis, Wash., and in California he served at Fort MacArthur, Fort Ord, Camp Beale and Camp Stoneman. He was with the Signal Corps for a time, then with the Engineers, before coming to duty with the Medical Department.

He was born in Red Rock, Arizona, and is a member of the Navajo Indian tribe. He attended schools in Shiprock, New Mexico, and in Riverside and Grossmont, California. Before he came into the Army he worked as practical art instructor on the Navajo reservation in Arizona, and for a time was interviewer at the U. S. Employment Office in Gallup, New Mexico.

Ned first joined the Army in 1944, and was discharged in 1946, but after a year as a civilian, decided to re-enlist, in February 1947. He particularly enjoys his present assignment because his major interest is in jewelry design and lapidary work. He wears a handsome ring which he designed and made —a chrysocolla in a gold and silver setting.

Ned has two daughters, Rosalie and Alice, who are in school in Riverside, and he goes down to visit them frequently.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Randy Wights, age two, was being shown around the hospital last week by his father, **Dale Wights** of the Radio Station, and judging from his delighted smiles Randy was enjoying the visit very much.

Leonne Brennan of the Dental Clinic journeyed to Wawona recently to spend an enjoyable time learning to ski at Yosemite while **LaVerne Mulligan** of the Surgical Service did her skiing at Reno last week end.

Lillian Jones and **Emily Knepp,** Dental Clinic, enjoyed four days of leisure in Santa Clara recently.

Jean Struck of Sick & Wounded office spent the week end at her ranch in Novata while Mrs. **Zita Kelly** of the Insurance office visited with her family at Tule Lake.

Louise Smith of the Sick & Wounded office has resumed her duties after a month's illness at home.

Leo King of the Information office left on the 15th of this month for New Orleans, La., where he will enjoy Mardi Gras festivities.

Among those who handed in resignations recently were **Elizabeth Busch,** Laboratory Service; **Elise Gardner,** Registrar's office; **Janice Ladd,** Out Patient Service, and **Joseph Millnamow,** Military Personnel.

We extend a welcome to **Mildred Stevens,** who is the latest addition in the Hospital Mess office.

Gus Tevis of Occupational Therapy thoroughly surprised Captain **Frances Peterson,** MSC, the U. S. Savings Bond officer, this week when he made a bond purchase. Reason: He casually gave her $3750 in cash to buy $5000 worth of bonds.

Winifred "Freddie" Biehl of the Library staff, who is vacationing in the East, was heading for a wedding when she left, though her friends here didn't know it, and they were surprised when they received the announcement this week. While visiting at the home of her sister in Rochester, N. Y., she became the bride of **Richard Young Morris** of San Francisco, on Thursday, 17 February. After their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Morris will make their home in San Francisco, and Freddie will go on working in the library.

SHE WORKS IN THE FINE ARTS AS WELL AS IN THE O. T. CRAFTS



Captain ALYCE G. MILNE, WMSC
Who is in charge of the Occupational Therapy Functional Shop.

Captain Alyce Milne, WMSC, who came to Letterman last month and is in charge of the Occupational Therapy functional shop, is the fortunate possessor of naturally curly dark hair and an infectious smile which makes friends for her wherever she goes. Before coming to LGH she was chief of Occupational Therapy at Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii, but left there shortly after the new hospital was dedicated last Fall, returning to the States to attend the basic training course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. When she finished at Brooke she had just time to go home for her first Christmas there since 1941 before coming to her assignment here.

Captain Milne was born in The Dalles, Oregon, and grew up in La Grande, Oregon, which is now her home town. She first majored in education at Oregon State College, then changed to drama and went out to the University of Washington, but finally took her degree in art, at the University of Oregon. When the war began she was teaching art in an Oregon high school, but shortly afterward she became a Red Cross recreation worker, and was at San Luis Obispo and Wendover Field, Utah, in that capacity when she decided to become an occupational therapist.

She studied for that field at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and spent her training period at two Army hospitals; Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Washington, and DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, California. She worked at a VA hosiptal in Los Angeles for a time, then in January 1947 went to Honolulu to do O.T. work at Queen's Hospital there. While there she applied for her commission in the Army, and in July of last year became an Army O.T. and was assigned to Tripler.

She liked the Islands so much that she is hoping to return there before too long, and in any event says she intends to go back "some day, no matter how long it takes." While she was there she took courses at the Honolulu School of Art.

In addition to her interest in all the crafts used in occupational therapy work, Captain Milne is seriously interested in the fine arts, particularly sculpture and painting, and has done work in both fields. For diversion she likes outdoor sports—tennis, golf, swimming and hiking.



To Sergeant and Mrs. Neil W. Akers, a boy, **Terry Lee,** born 9 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Gail S. Keyser, a girl, **Linda Kay,** born 7 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. Morris E. Flynn, a boy, **Michael Edward,** born 7 February.

To Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Vernon H. Grace, a boy, **Chris Harry,** born 7 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Clayton A. Wulff, a girl, **Christine Ann,** born 7 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph Sparks, a boy, **Michael Ralph,** born 8 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Harold A. Fenley, a boy, **Harold Merl,** born 8 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. James W. Baney, a girl, **Terry Ann,** born 9 February.

To Private First Class and Mrs. Tilden J. Mobley, a boy, **Michael Eugene,** born 9 February.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Rudolph R. Beideck, a boy, **LeRoy Gerald,** born 9 February.

Sign Up for Volleyball

Letterman General Hospital will act as host-post for the semi-final volleyball tournament to be held 14 thru 17 March. Men and women's teams representing units from Sixth Army will be participating in the event.

Male and female teams for Letterman are now being organized, and all individuals interested in playing volleyball are urged to contact First Lieutenant Raimon Lamon of Special Services for information regarding practice and team membership.

MEDICAL DETACH

Finishing third in a 16-team Army basketball tournament wouldn't seem to the casual observer to be such a mediocre showing, but the LGH Varsity returned to the post from Fort Ord last week bemoaning their apparent lack of luck in losing to the Fort Scott five in the semi-finals of this annual classic. Letterman, suffering from "one of those nights," seemed unable to get started, and an alert Fort Scott team went on to win 42-40. The following night Fort Scott dropped a heartbreaker to Camp Stoneman in the finals, making the latter team tournament champions and one of the four teams with a chance of becoming the Sixth Army representative in the annual all-Army tournament

The Letterman quintet was party to the major upset of the tourney when they eliminated Fort Ord, number one favorite to cop the crown, in the second round of play. The Varsity now returns to the home floor to compete in the second round of play in the Bay Area Service League. In the first half of play Letterman finished in third place, behind Hamilton Field and Fort Scott.

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Another name soon to be added to the retired list will be that of Master Sergeant **James Vaughn** of the Information Office. He was assigned to this position quite recently, and has been heard to remark "The Information Office is fine, if people would limit their questions to hospital matters and not ask if it's going to rain tomorrow, or, where can I have my furniture painted?"

Sergeant First Class **Leonard Roberts** of the Unit Supply is the proud father of a baby girl. When asked if she could talk yet, he replied "Yes, she can recite the first line of "Gunga Din."

If you have occasion to visit barracks T-213-X, don't be surprised to see a forest of ming trees. Sergeant First Class **Howard Baumgardner** of Surgical Service is the proud owner of these miniature trees and he defies anyone to say that they look like redwoods!

INTRODUCING CAPTAIN DANKO, NEW AIR FORCE LIAISON OFFICER AT LGH



Captain GEORGE DANKO, USAF
New Air Force Liaison Officer at LGH

Captain George Danko, USAF, who came to Letterman this month as Air Force liaison officer, will complete 22 years of service with the Air Corps this coming June. During those years he has acquired experience which enables him to deal competently with the problems of both enlisted and commissioned personnel, since he has himself served as both an enlisted man and as an officer.

He was born in Arroyo, Pa., and grew up in Ludlow, in the same state. He enlisted in the Air Corps in June 1927, shortly after he left school, and was at Selfridge Field, Mich., for five years. He then went to Bowman Field, at Louisville, Ky., where he was maintenance instructor for the next eight years. This was followed by a two-year tour of duty at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. During that time he was crew chief, aerial engineer, flight chief and line chief.

Shortly before Pearl Harbor, in November 1941, when the Southeast Training Center was opened at Greenville, Miss., he was sent there as line chief, and while there received a direct commission from the rank of master sergeant to lieutenant. He was then assigned to duty as engineering and maintenance officer at the flying school of the Royal Dutch Netherlands Air Force in Jackson, Miss. He was there for 17 months, and is one of five officers in the Air Force who received a citation from the Dutch for outstanding performance of duty. While there he had the pleasure of attending an entertainment at which Queen Wilhelmina and the then Princess Juliana were the guests of honor.

In 1944 Captain Danko was stationed at Mobile, Ala., for a time, then attended cadre school at Warner Robbins Field, Macon, Ga. He went overseas in March 1945, and was at Hickam Field for nearly a year with the 556th Air Service group. After he returned to the States, he was assigned to duty at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

His next duty station was Hamilton Field, where he remained until he came to Letterman, with the exception of two months temporary duty in Alaska.

Captain Danko and his wife, Frances, have three daughters, Mary Elizabeth, 14; Georgina Frances, 4, and Martha Helen, one year old. They have their home in Napa, and Captain Danko is rapidly becoming a confirmed commuter.

In the Library

You have undoubtedly promised yourself that you would re-read, or give a first reading to some of the old classics, the good books that have stood the irrevocable test of time. We'd like to refresh your memory with a few titles and authors.

Fielding, Henry, Tom Jones: A swashbuckling English hero, more colorful than many of those in modern fiction, roams the countryside engaged in a dubious business. Lord Byron called him "an accomplished blackguard."

Butler, Samuel, The Way of All Flesh: A keen satire of English family life in the middle classes. The hero wins through his adversity to a fair measure of self-respect and genuine success. The devastating and compensatory aspects of this book are that we recognize our own foibles and weaknesses which are so common to the human race.

Melville, Herman, Moby Dick: The pursuit of the white whale, Moby Dick, by Captain Ahab, whose leg was bitten off. Keen action and thoughtful philosophy combines as the chase takes on the symbols of the terrific forces of natural universe versus human will. You really should read the description of the Pacific Ocean.

Conrad, Joseph, The Arrow of Gold: One of the lesser known works, about the Carlist revolution. Contains a portrait of a woman whom critics have acclaimed as the epitome of the sex.

Tolstoi, Count Leo, War and Peace: An epic picture of Napoleon's invasion of Russia. The author's theories of history are of particular interest in these days of attempts at a United Nations program.

Carroll, Lewis, Alice in Wonderland: You really should re-read this about once every ten years. It may surprise you to note the different meanings you derive from it as you advance in maturity.

Troop Information And Education

In many professions school days end with graduation. Then comes a short period of learning by experience. Thereafter, the long familiar road of practice winds pleasantly toward retirement.

In the Armed Forces, however, a different philosophy prevails. A professional Army Career involves rotation of duty, assignment, and school training. The training may be either through Army Extension Courses or attendance at the schools in the various fields.

The Army schools for military personnel fall under two categories:

1. Courses suitable for personnel with little or no prior occupational experience and

2. Courses for which the possession of a specified MOS or its equivalent is required before the students may be admitted to the course.

Each course for which no prior occupational experience is a prerequisite has been classified under one or more of nine occupational fields of interest according to the predominant character of the subject matter and the types of student interest which the program of instruction may be expected to satisfy.

The extension courses are prepared and conducted by the various general and special service schools. The extension course of each school consists of not more than six series of subcourses; each series arranged in progressive and logical order, paralleling to the maximum extent practicable the resident instruction at the particular schools.

Subcourses are numbered serially in the order in which taught within the series, and also bear the series number. Each subcourse consists of at least three (3) and not more than nine (9) numbered lessons and an examination or review lessons. Schools, upon recommendation, may permit the student to omit designated subcourses if it is to the best interest of the service.

Personnel whose duties or prospective duties require special training which may be accomplished by means of extension course study may be enrolled in selected subcourses of any series, and will be required to complete only the subcourses specifically designated and approved for their study.

Visit the Troop I & E Office and help yourself to a full and successful career in the Army.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Air Force will convene a selection board within 90 days to recommend promotions to permanent captain's grade. The number of eligibles will range between 1,500 and 3,500, depending on the eligibility cut-off date established.

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The Army has authorized promotion of leadership school graduates to grade six regardless of whether they have completed the four months of service normally required for promotion.

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The first edition of "Officers' Call," the monthly Army pamphlet being issued in connection with the Officers' Information Program will be off the press before the end of this month. A motion picture "Officers' Information Program," will be distributed at the same time.

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A medical advisory committee is urging Secretary of Defense Forrestal to launch a national drive to recruit 400 doctors and dentists for the Armed Forces by December.

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Procedures for inter-service transfer of reserve officers have been established by the Armed Services Personnel Board.

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Mobilization of civilian passenger and cargo planes into a gigantic airlift in case of national emergency, will be discussed in the Air Co-ordinating Committee's report to the President on the role of civilian aviation in a future war.

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Final statistics in the Army-Air Force Warrant Officer Procurement Program show 124,112 applications were submitted for the 75 specialties. Slightly more than 50,000 applicants sought appointment in 2.5 fields. Vacancies totaled 5,921.

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President Truman has approved the name "U.S.S. United States" for the Navy's projected super-carrier, the keel of which is scheduled to be laid at Newport News, Va., in April.

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A Bolling Field librarian looked up in astonishment when an airman signed for Winston Churchill's war story, "The Gathering Storm." The young reader was PFC Winston Churchill, 1100th Base Flight Squadron, no relation to the famous former British Prime Minister.

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The Berlin Airlift has a higher safety record than the Air Force's overall safety record.

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Despite a shortage of medical personnel, the Air Force's health is at an all-time peak.

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The Army Reserve Officers' Association is sponsoring the 25th annual observance of National Security Week, running from Lincoln's birthday to Washington's birthday.

Harrison Appointed Chief of T. I. & E.

Washington (AFPS) — Brig. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., has been named Chief of the Army-Air Force Troop Information and Education Division, the Army recently announced.

General Harrison succeeds Brig. Gen. John K. Rice, who has been the Division Chief since last May, and is now assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the D/A.

Assigned to the Far East Command in November, 1946, General Harrison became Chief of the Reparations Section and Executive for Economic and Industrial Affairs, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander Allied Powers (SCAP). He saw service with the 30th Infantry Division in Europe during WW II, serving as Assistant Division Commander.

General Harrison was graduated from West Point in 1917, and from the General Staff College in 1942. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

shoulder-fired rockets, said to be twice as effective as the World War II "bazooka."

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The Navy has published procedures for eliminating any personnel of questionable loyalty to the U.S., and preventing the enlistment or appointment of such persons.

Thunderjets Improved In Speed and Ranges

Farmingdale, L. I. (AFPS)— The fourth and fifth improved models of the Thunderjet F-84 fighter are being produced for the Air Force at the Republic Aviation Corp., it was announced here recently. Each model shows improvement in the more than 600 mph speed, 600 mile combat range, and 40,000 foot ceiling achieved heretofore, it was stated.

Other improvements result in better arrangements for flying in Arctic temperatures. Gasoline may be used instead of kerosene for fuel. Cockpit pressure has been changed to give the pilot better circulation of air.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration urges that veterans check their National Service Life Insurance policies periodically to make sure the insurance is giving maximum protection to both the veteran and his dependents.

VA urges that veterans check the following features of their G-I insurance:

1. The beneficiary or beneficiaries. VA pays insurance proceeds to the beneficiary of record. If a veteran wants to change his beneficiary he should do so at once. This can be done without the knowledge or consent of the previous beneficiary.

2. The manner in which the proceeds of the policy will be paid. There are four options for settlement including lump sum payment, monthly installments ranging from 36 to 132 months, monthly installments for life with 120 installments guaranteed and monthly installments for life with the face amount of the policy guaranteed.

3. The amount and type of insurance carried. Veterans should make sure that the amount and type of G-I insurance they are carrying is sufficient to meet their needs and obligations.

Information on all phases of insurance problems may be obtained by calling in person or writing the nearest Veterans Administration office.

Question: I am a World War I veteran and have been suffering from a stomach ailment for some time. May I go to a private hospital in my home town and have the Veterans Administration pay the bill?

....**Answer:** You may provided only if your stomach ailment is service-connected and you receive prior approval from VA to do so.

Question: My child was born five months after the death of my husband, a World War II veteran. Is the child considered a full beneficiary insofar as death pension or compensation are concerned?

Answer: The posthumous child of a veteran is entitled to allowance of death pension or compention at the same rate as a child born during the lifetime of such veteran.

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Colonel A. B. Jones Passes to the Army Retired List

At a formal assembly of the Chiefs of Services held in the Staff Room on Monday afternoon, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, paid tribute to Colonel Augustus B. Jones, Medical Corps, who passed to the retired list on that day.

General Cole in his remarks referred to the long service of Colonel Jones, and to the many occasions where they served together, and voiced the sentiments of the present Letterman staff for a long and useful life in retirement.

Colonel Jones is a native of Eastman, Georgia, and a graduate of Emory Medical School, of Atlanta, Ga. He served his interneship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta following his graduation, and entered the army as a reserve lieutenant in the Medical Corps in September 1914. He was commissioned in the Regular Army in May of the following year.

Then he began what was to be a 35 year round of assignments in the service. Twice he served at Letterman for four year tours, 1922-1926 and 1934-1938. He had a tour of duty at Tripler General Hospital from 1919 to 1922 and went back to Oahu again in 1938 to serve two years as Chief of Medical Service at Scofield Barracks. He also had a two year tour as Chief of Medical Service at the Army & Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and we might also mention four years spent in his own "backyard" at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia.

During the late war he organized and commanded Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, Calif. for the duration of its existence and received the Legion of Merit in recognition of his work there. His last command was the 97th General Hospital in Germany which he relinquished in November of last year to come to Letterman as a patient.

Colonel Jones is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The family name will continue to be carried on the roster of the Army Medical Corps as his son, Captain Augustus B. Jones, Jr., is at present a resident in Pathology participating in the residency training program at Letterman.

In the old army the name "Medico" was used in lieu of "Doctor" when referring to officers of the Medical Corps, but in the case of Colonel Jones it became a nickname that endured throughout his service. The army had many medicos but only one "Medico"—and he is "Medico" Jones; held in deep affection by all who know him.



Colonel AUGUSTUS B. JONES, MC (Right) receives good wishes of the Commanding General as he passes to the retired list.

Examinations for West Point Given Here This Week

The annual entrance examinations for applicants for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point were held at Letterman this week, and on Tuesday morning Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, welcomed the 24 candidates who were assembled for the examination. Lieut. Col. Howard Snyder, Jr., CAV, of the Department of Tactics, West Point, was here to act as advisor to the board of officers who conducted the examinations. Colonel Snyder is on the teaching staff at the military academy.

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, MC, is President of the examining board, and he was assisted by the following Letterman officers: Col. Wendell A. Weller, MC; Col. Marhl H. Welch, DC; Lieut. Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC; Lieut. Col. Stephen C. Sitter, MC; Maj. Robert A. Kennedy, MC; Maj. Douglas E. Ramsey, MS; Maj. James G. Long, MSC; Capt. Dunstan D. Gouldthorpe, MC; First Lieut. Raimon W. Lehman, SpS, and First Lieut. Lloyd W. Dezarn, MSC.

The 24 candidates who took the examinations are from four states—California, Nevada, Montana and Idaho. The tests they took included both written mental tests and physical examinations, the latter being both medical examinations and physical aptitude examinations. The candidates were the guests of the Army during the time they were here, and were put up at Crissy Annex under the care of a housemother, Elizabeth Peebles of Out-Patient Service.

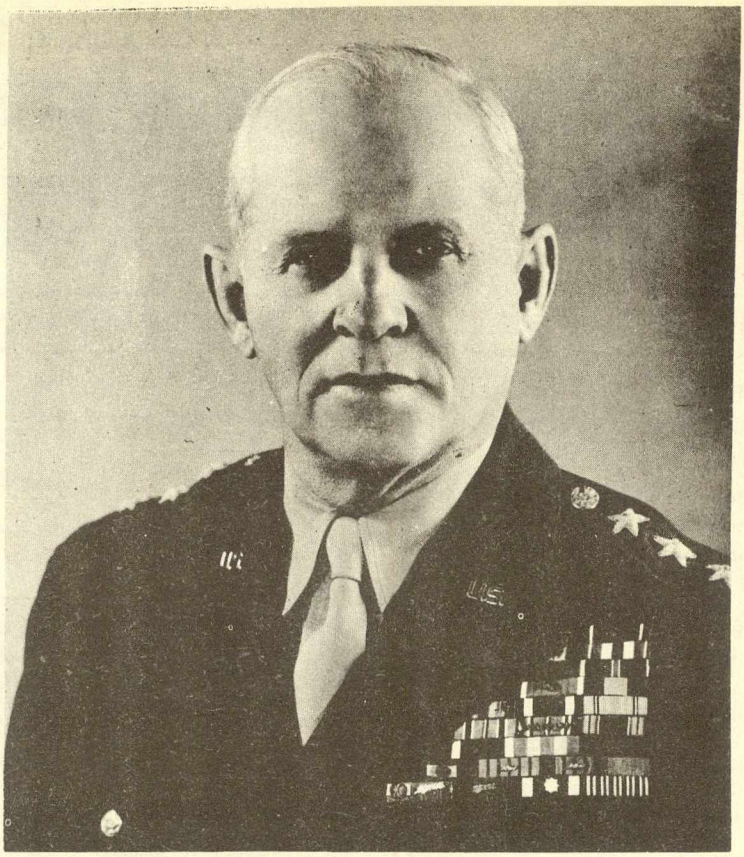
The young man who wishes to pursue an Army career at West Point must meeet the scholastic standards of the academy's candidate board.

What Has Been Done Can Be Done Again in the Army

Private to General

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The Story of Clarence R. Huebner



YOUNG HUEBNER is destined to go far. I don't know of anything to stop him, except possibly a bullet." Thus succinctly was Pvt. Clarence Ralph Huebner docketed by one of his officers more than a quarter of a century ago. It was an accurate prediction. Nothing did stop the meteoric rise of this scarred, self-educated, wise soldier who is today Lt. Gen. Clarence Ralph Huebner, Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Staff European Command. Enemy fire halted him temporarily. But only temporarily. The scar between his eyes is the mark of a shell fragment which broke his helmet and his neck in 1918. The permanent huskiness of his voice is from mustard gas.

Today, this redoubtable former doughboy, born in Bushton, Kans., on Nov. 24, 1888, is in command of our occupation Army in Germany. He is ably fulfilling a place of power which destiny reserves for only a few of the military greats.

By an odd coincidence, General Huebner fought in the critical battles of both World Wars with the "Big Red One," the 1st United States Infantry Division. He commanded a battalion of the 1st below Soissons in July 1918, during the terrific attack which was a turning point of the war. Twenty-six years later he led the Big Red One in the assault on Omaha Beach. The successful breaching of the strong enemy defenses there heralded the doom of the German forces in Europe.

General Huebner went on to command the 1st Division in some of the war's great battles: St. Lo, Mortain, the Falaise Pocket, Mons — where the 1st crippled an entire German army — Aachen, and Hurtgen Forest.

In January 1945, General Huebner was made commander of the V Corps. He directed the capture of the Roer dams, the crossing of the Rhine, the sealing of the Ruhr Pocket, the capture of Leipzig — where he followed the classic tactics used by Napoleon in 1813 — and then on to the junction with the Russians on the Elbe.

It is rare to find a general who combines a great record as a line officer in combat with illustrious service in high command. General Huebner is such an officer. He wears the Distinguished Service Cross with an oak leaf cluster for extraordinary heroism in battle, and the Distinguished Service Medal with two clusters for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in duty of great responsibility. The general was also awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and many other decorations.

After outstanding service in World War I, in which he fought in most of the great battles on the Western Front, General Huebner went to Germany and served with the occupation forces there. He returned to America in 1919. In the interval between wars he prepared himself for high command. He was graduated with honors from the Command and General Staff School, and then from the Army War College. He then became a member of the Infantry Board. In 1940 he was appointed chief of the training branch of the Operations and Training Division of the War Department General Staff in Washington. In March 1943, he was ordered overseas to the North African Theater of Operations.

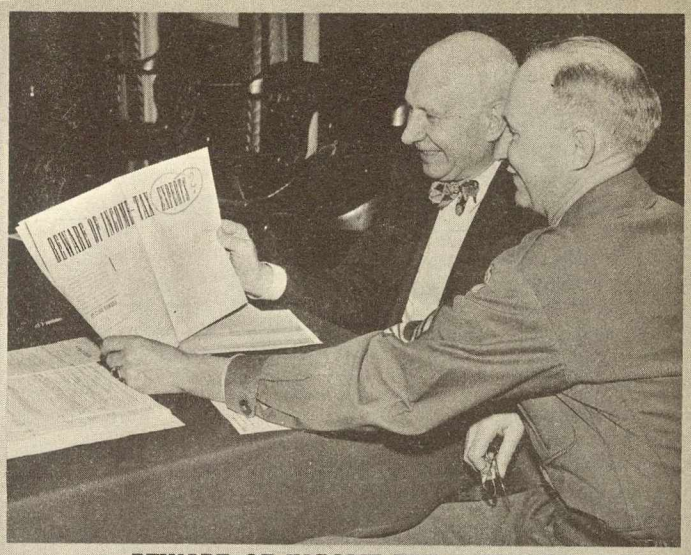
Once again the fates have conspired to bring General Huebner and the 1st Division together. The Big Red One is the only combat division under his command in Europe. No matter what mission the 1st will be called upon to accomplish, one thing is certain . . . the division will be ready! It bears the aggressive, competent imprint of General Huebner, who is widely known as one of the Army's outstanding experts on training.

General Huebner wears the honors and dignity of high command with philosophical humility. He knows by bitter experience that armies are not created overnight. He is a soldier. He acquired his knowledge the hard way — along the steep road that leads from private to general.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE STAFF SAYS AU REVOIR TO COLONEL JONES



BEWARE OF INCOME TAX EXPERTS
Mr. George K. Stein (left) can't take that seriously since, as deputy collector of internal revenue, he's an expert himself, and about to give that kind of advice to Master Sgt. Roy B. Paulson of the Detachment of Patients.



HE KNOWS WHAT STRINGS TO PULL
Don Stone and one of the marionettes with which he entertained patients last week in a show at the Recreation Hall.



WEST POINT EXAMINATIONS
Were given to 24 candidates here this week. Above, two of the candidates receive their test questions. L to R: Joseph M. O'-Neill, San Mateo, Calif.; Col. Leonard N. Swanson, MC, president of the examining board; Lieut. Col. Howard Snyder, Jr., of the teaching staff at West Point; Sgt. Thomas H. Humphreys, Chicago, Ill.

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EDITORIAL

SAVINGS PROGRAM

Do you have a definite savings program? Around the first of the year people are apt to think longingly of the advantages of such a program, but usually at that time they are also thinking longingly of getting their Christmas bills paid, and may decide to put off starting to save until all the bills have been converted into receipts.

Now, with the bills tidily out of the way, this should be a good time to begin on the plan for savings. An efficient method of putting money aside to accumulate for the future is by means of U. S. Savings Bonds, which can be painlessly and gradually acquired through payroll deductions.

This week civilians at Letterman received with their paychecks two pamphlets pointing out the advantages of savings through payroll deductions. That part of the paycheck invested in U. S. Savings Bonds is actually "take home pay," and in addition, it is "money that grows." As little as $3.75 a week put into bonds for ten years will become $2,163. Figure out the "growing process" for yourself.

It's a small investment in the future that will really pay off.



Four newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps arrived at Letterman this week after completing basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center, and received a warm welcome to LGH. The four are First Lieut. **Bernice May** and 2d Lieuts. **Mabel H. Corbin, Esther M. Quesenberry** and **Norma E. Henning.**

Two other Army nurses, First Lieuts. **Virginia R. Harvey** and **Margaret A. Fuller,** who have been on hospital ship duty at Fort Mason, were also welcomed to the Letterman ANC staff this week.

First Lieut. **Julie V. Skellchock,** WMSC, of the dietitians staff, left Monday for Fort Ord, where she will be the one and only dietitian at the station hospital. She will be missed here not only for herself, but also because she will no longer be able to contribute her original art designs when the mess is decorated for special occasions.

First Lieut. **Anna B. Astrosky,** ANC, is enjoying a few days leave before taking off for overseas duty in Germany.

Future plans for First Lieut. **Sarah M. Lewis,** ANC, who was relieved from active duty this week, include a course of study at the University of California. For the present she will be at her home in Riverside, California.

When 2d Lieuts. **Pat Marcy** and **Barbara Stockholm,** WMSC, of Occupational Therapy, returned this week after two months in Texas during which they had basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center, people asked how they liked that state. Their tactful reply: "We're very glad to be back!"

First Lieut. **Beryl Skelton,** ANC, might well feel that she is back in England (which was once home to her) now that she bicycles to work daily from her home in the Marina. Her handbag is a knitting bag which she hooks on a handlebar as she blithely sets out for the day's duties.

WAC

The old adage, "He travels fastest who travels alone" doesn't seem to apply in the case of the five WACs who have been alerted for overseas shipment to Europe. Sergeants **Evelyn Leonard,** Corporals **Stella Goodman, Sally Craig, Lorraine Fincher and Ethel Stepp** are in the throes of packing, taking physicals, immunization shots and other preparatory activities which are necessary for such a venture. The Letterman NCO Club sponsored an informal get-together for the departing WACs, furnishing corsages and refreshments for the occasion.

The warm, Spring weather which prevailed last Sunday inspired the car-owners of the detachment to wash and polish their proud possessions.

The Letterman Women's Bowling League bowled the last game of the league last Monday night with WAC team number one winning the league championship. WAC members of the lead team are as follows: Captain **Minnie L. Young,** Master Sergeant **Opal Glenn,** Sergeants First Class **Lestie Roach** (alternate), **Ellie Eaton,** Sergeants **Jane Jones** and **Evelyn Leonard.** Captain Young held high average score and high game with a 160 average and 201 high game.

Upstairs 214X is acquiring rather a mystic atmosphere these days, with a Chinese fortune teller and an Ouija board holding a place for themselves in the dayroom. No crystal ball has appeared on the scene as yet.

Three members of the detachment picked up their day passes. Corporal **Mildred Johnson** and Sergeant **Elsie LePetri** went to Reno. Millie went to visit her family there, and "Pete" headed in that direction for a brief repose from the day's occupation. Corporal **Lea Lamascus** also enjoyed a 72 hour vacation from her daily duties.

Sergeant **Reba Birum** has returned from her 15 day leave and is now back to work in the laboratory. All good things must come to an end.

Perfectionism is a dangerous state of mind in an imperfect world. The best way is to forget doubts and set about the task in hand . . . if you are doing your best, you will not have time to worry about failure.—**Robert Hillyer.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, 6, March 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Credit

The photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge which appeared in the last issue of the Fog Horn was taken by Captain Theodore L. Bartelmez, MC, ward officer on Ward A-2.

ACS Approves

The American College of Surgeons has announced that Letterman General Hospital will continue to be named on the College's list of approved hospitals. This announcement, followed a recent inspection by Dr. Lucius W. Johnson, representing the ACS.

The College has also given continued approval of the graduate training program in General Surgery, Urology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, and Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Survey

Major Jack Walden, MSC, of the Education and Training Branch, Office of The Surgeon General, was here from Washington this week. He spent Monday making a survey to determine the adequacy of Letterman's visual aid program, which includes the use of professional films, training films, charts and film strips.

Emotional maturity demands that every person learn to sympathize with the emotions of others. We must be able to put ourselves not only in the other fellow's shoes, but also in his heart. Two valuable assistants in the achievement of emotional maturity are a sense of religion and a sense of humor. —**Carter Davidson.**

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above little things.—**John Burroughs.**

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs.. JOSEPHINE HILL
LGH Laundry

Mrs. Josephine Hill is well known to those who patronize the laundry,, since she is in charge of the bundle sales work, and her motto is a "smile with every bundle." Until six weeks ago she was Mrs. Giaccarini, but on 15 January she became Mrs. Joseph Hill. Although her nickname has always been "Jo," the fact that her husband is also Joe doesn't present a problem, she says, because his nickname is "Benny."

Mrs. Hill was born in Meatland, South Dakota, lived in Butte, Montana, until she was 15, then moved to Seattle, Wash., where she worked for the telephone company. She was married before she was 17, and has one son, Donald, who makes his home in Sacramento. She has lived in San Francisco for the past 25 years, and for nearly half that time she worked as a seamstress.

She came to Letterman in April 1940, shortly after the death of her husband, and has been in the laundry, working in various capacities, ever since, with the exception of a month last year, when she went to New Orleans with the intention of making her home there. She changed her mind, though, and came back to California and LGH. In a letter of recommendation from OIC of the laundry, given her when she left for New Orleans, Mrs. Hill is spoken of as having "great tact, and in all cases giving first consideration to the needs and interests of the Laundry."

She likes to travel, and has made several long trips in her car, visiting New Mexico, Mississippi and Montana. She and her husband are making plans for a vacation trip to New Mexico this coming May. She also enjoys sewing and crocheting.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pfc. **Ortho Heckert** patient on ward C-2, is building a super-size model plane. In fact the plane is so large that Ortho is now wondering how it will be taken out and conveyed to his home.

W. E. Fletcher of ward B-2, retired Master Sergeant, is back from a 60-day leave from the hospital which he spent at his home in Benicia, and looking around for more old-timers he knew way back when. When he first came here as a patient last November he ran across an old friend he hadnt seen in so long that he didn't recognize him until they got to talking—**Bill Harris**, a retired sergeant who had served in the same outfit with him during the Spanish-American war.

Clyde Loofburrow, patient on ward M-2, is getting to be such an expert on weaving and on copperwork that he's giving instructions to some of the other patients. Cpl. **John Jennings**, also of ward M-2, has been getting some pointers from him on the place mats he's making.

Kenny Alvord, veteran patient on ward D-1, is back at Letterman and is now ambulatory. He says he decided to start the New Year right, and his first time out of his wheelchair was on 1 January.

Corporal **Jack Swanson** of ward K-2 is surprising his friends with the ceramic "masteripeces" he is turning out in the Occupational Therapy Shop, and says he surprises himself, too!

Private **Robert Tipler**, patient on ward 41, won the Chess Club trophy for the month of February, and also received a "chessboard" lapel pin, which he can wear to proclaim his proficiency at the game. A special prize will be awarded at the end of March to the member of the club who plays the greatest number of games during the month. Next week, on March 9-10-11, Chess Club members will play match games with Sixth Army chess players at the Recreation Hall, and some of the games will be played on the wards, so that chess-playing bed-patients can take part in the match.

Sgt. **Tom Newell** of ward 42 says he thought he was just being ribbed when he was called to the phone and asked if he'd care to go on the weekend trip to the Santa Anita races—but it turned out to be true, and he reports that he had a wonderful time. He had a winner in the first race and would have had more, he says, if he'd just listened to some of those tips.

Now that the diversional Occupational Therapy Shop has been closed, Arts and Skills volunteers will in future work out of the functional O. T. Shop.

Not that he wants to give anyone the horse laugh, but Rct. **Charles Slonecker**, patient on ward C-2, has modeled a clever horse's head—and the horse is laughing.

Pfc. **John Vera**, patient on ward M-2, is becoming a real craftsman in silver work. He has already made one handsome silver bracelet and intends to start work on another of a different design.

"Looks like a professional job of leatherwork" is what people say when they look at the work being turned out by **Pfc. Eddie Beavers**, patient on ward 41.

Captain **George Bryan** was "patient for a day" this week when he came in to have some X-rays and drop in on his friends on ward D-2 for a friendly chat.

A group of patients on ward D-2 have been badly stung by the bridge bug, and they gather nightly after visiting hours for long sessions of bidding and grand slamming. After the lights go out they pursue their pastime in an undisclosed location. Among those in the group are Captain **Paul Danielson**, Colonel **Edward George**, Major **John Griffin**, First Lieut. **Frank Licord** and **Victor Christiansen**, veteran patient. They never disturb their fellow-patients, but they do like to sleep late every morning after.

Being bi-lingual, Private **Salvatore Calabrese**, patient on ward F-1, enjoys reading his hometown news in Italian. His mother sends him copies of an Italian newspaper published in Rochester, N. Y. Private Calabrese was stationed at Camp Stoneman before he came to Letterman as a patient two weeks ago.

The story about General Huebner on page 2 is reprinted from the "Life of the Soldier and the Airman" published by the Recruiting Publicity Bureau, Governors Island, N. Y.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES H. PERRY
Corporal

When Corporal James Perry is asked how long he intends to stay in the Army, the answer is "Oh, about 17½ more years." He enlisted in January 1947, and lost no time in taking advantage of the Army's educational program, beginning with the courses necessary to enable him to get his high school diploma. At present he is taking English, history, civics and mathematics, and has already passed two English tests "with distinction." Just now he is finishing his math work, but confesses he isn't exactly looking forward to that test.

Jim was born in Bloomfield, Mo., and grew up on a farm near Dexter in the same state. Before he came into the Army he worked as a grocery clerk, in a service station and as a truck driver. He enlisted at Scott Field, Ill., and was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., for basic training. During the 13 weeks he spent there he says he saw enough rain to last him for the rest of his life.

His first and his only duty station so far has been Letterman. He came here in March 1947, and was assigned to duty in the Central Clearance Office. He has a lot of typing to do on his job, and he plans to take a typing course before long in order to work up more speed on the typewriter.

This week, on 28 February, Jim and his wife Dorothy celebrated the first anniversary of their wedding, and some time this month the family can expect a listing in the Fog Horn's "Stork" column. Whether Jim or Dorothy will win out as to getting a boy or a girl remains to be seen. Jim wants the baby to be a boy, says the "oldest should be a boy."

In the sports line, Jim likes baseball, hockey, boxing and wrestling.

CIVIL CIRCLES

"Algy" Gaffney of Civilian Personnel is happy to report that the mysterious pains in her extremities have vanished. Walking is now a pleasure.

LaVerne Mulligan of Surgical Service was among those who enjoyed the recent Chronicle tour to the Santa Anita races. She says she didn't mind leaving ten dollars behind because she had a wonderful time even though she ended up losing her voice from so much enthusiastic talking and shouting. The members of the tour then proceeded on to Caliente, Mexico, for another day at the races, stopping first at Tia Juana for a brief visit.

The stork paid a second visit to Mr. **George Hansen,** superintendent of the Laundry, and his wife, Mrs. Hansen. They are the proud parents of a baby girl born 24 February weighing eight pounds and four ounces. They have named her **Christine Leone.** They also have a 15-month-old son.

Ayako Funabiki, formerly of the Hospital Train Unit, writes that she likes her new overseas surroundings but misses Letterman very much. Ayako is now with a station hospital in Japan.

Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** manager of LGH Post Exchange, is back at her desk after spending a vacation in Palos Verdes Estates and Van Nuys, California. She and Mrs. **John O. Ward,** of Hollywood, drove by car to Fresno where they spent a short time and returned to San Francisco by train.. Mrs. Ward will be Mrs. Thompson's house guest for a month. During Mrs. Thompson's absence, **Jerry Ivory** capably handled the duties of manager.

Bernice Dixon, PX, will visit with her family in Boston, Mass., during her month's vacation while **Ruth Snyder,** also of the PX, returned from leave which was spent in San Francisco and Monterey.

Esther Kleinclaus, Detachment of Patients, decided to paint her kitchen yellow last week but had slight regrets after she started the job because the paint would manage to get in her hair and on her clothes, but at last report everything was working out satisfactorily.

Among recent resignations were **Marie Marshall** of Orthopedic Service, **Eckhardt Rusert** and **Jim Theus,** both of the Laboratory Service.

SHE SERVED IN BOTH THE ETO AND PACIFIC; STILL WANTS TO TRAVEL



Major BESSIE V. FULLBRIGHT, ANC
On duty here in the Chief Nurse's Office

Next April Major Bessie Fullbright, ANC, will have completed seven years in the Army Nurse Corps, and during that time she's done a lot of traveling, but still not enough to satisfy her. "I get car-sick train-sick and boat-sick, but I still want to keep on going," she says. On the other hand, she has acquired two lots next door to her brother's home in Palo Alto, and intends to build a home for herself and another home which she will rent, thus doing her part to ease the housing shortage. She has sketched her own plans, and expects to do some work on the blueprints, too.

Major Fullbright was born in Greenville, So. Car., and before she became a nurse she was well accustomed to the hospital atmosphere, since she was medical secretary and records librarian at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, No. Car. She took her nurse's training there, and continued to work there after she became an R. N. She had postgraduate work in surgical nursing at New York Hospital, New York City, which is affiliated with Cornell University, then returned to Presbyterian Hospital as supervisor of the Surgical Department.

After joining the Army in April 1942 she was chief nurse of the 38th Evacuation Hospital, Fort Bragg, No. Car., before going overseas in August 1942. She was in England for a time, then spent 13 months in Africa, part of the time at Oran. She also served as assistant chief nurse with the 26th General Hospital, at Constantine, North Africa, and as chief nurse, 45th General Hospital at Rabat. She was later on duty in Naples and in Leghorn, Italy, spending in all 30 months overseas.

Upon her return to the States in July 1946 she was chief nurse at the station hospital at Fort McClellan, Ala., for nearly a year, then went to the Pacific Theatre, serving at the 10th General Hospital and as chief nurse of the 360th station hospital, near Manila. She spent 27 months in the Philippines, and came to Letterman last October. She is on duty here in the Chief Nurse's office.

Travel will always be her major hobby, she says, but she also enjoys bowling, golf and walking, and is an avid reader as well. Now that she has seen something of Europe and of the Philippines, she has put Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska on her list for future travels. No telling when she'll get those houses built!



To Corporal and Mrs. Hubert Pope, a boy, **Hubert, Jr.,** born 6 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. John B. Rye, a girl, **Cynthia Logan,** born 10 February.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Luke T. Gargurevich, a boy, **Clifford Steven,** born 10 February.

To Pvt. and Mrs. George Wood, a boy, **Ronnie Junior,** born 11 February.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Daniel B. Comroe, a boy, **James Eliot,** born 12 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. William T. Robertson, a girl, **Karen Susan,** born 12 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. James A. Stanford, a boy, **Terry James,** born 13 February.

To Pvt. and Mrs. John Edward Ringstad, a girl, **Vicki Lee,** born 13 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clovis K. McComas, a boy, **Edward Kennard,** born 15 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. William S. Kittrell, a boy, **Garland Clifford,** born 15 February.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Wade Parker, a boy, **Henry James,** born 16 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ovid Lee Knight, a girl, **Suzan Helen,** born 16 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Griffiths, a boy, **Danny Ray,** born 17 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. James Elton Friday, a girl, **Sandra Yvonne,** born 17 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence I. Johnston, a boy, **Rodney Lynn,** born 17 February.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Larry B. Walker, a girl, **Dale Lauretta,** born 17 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John P. McNew, Sr., a boy, **John Philip,** born 19 February.

To First Lt. and Mrs. Orrin S. Maybee, a girl, **Melody Ann,** born 19 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Wilson C. Tippit, a boy, **John Robert,** born 19 February.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Marshall W. Leete, a girl, **Mary Louise,** born 20 February.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Inter-Detachment Basketball League finished the season in a blaze of hard played basketball at the Sports Center last Saturday afternoon. Special Services outlasted Physical Reconditioning in the finals 42-36, and laid claim to the first place trophy and individual gold basketballs for each team member. Physical Reconditioning, leading for the first three quarters, but unable to withstand Special Services' blistering fourth quarter drive, was awarded second place trophy and silver basketballs for each man. **Bill Gambee** led Special Services with 17 points, and **Bert Opitz** was high for Reconditioning with 18 points. To reach the finals Special Services defeated Medical Supply 31-29, and Physical Reconditioning trounced Barracks 272, 27-18. **John Clancy** of Barracks 272 was awarded a special trophy for being "the most outstanding and sportsmanlike player in the league."

Brig. Gen. **Frank L. Cole**, Letterman commandant, who witnessed the tourney finals and made both the team and individual award presentations, expressed his desire to see more intra-mural sports initiated and carried on with the same wholehearted and spirited competition evidenced in the Basketball League.

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Master Sergeant **Charles Lewis** of Military Personnel recently returned from a furlough spent in Florida. "Maybe I should have brought back an alligator to prove it," he says.

Our apologies to Sergeant First Class **Larry Catron** of the Pharmacy for saying in this column that his fiancee, Miss **Sue Feaganes**, is from southern California. She is from the South, but not in this state—her home is Culpepper, Va.

Private **Billy Van Sickle** of Military Personnel states that his name is pronuonced the way it looks—"Van Sickle," not "bicycle," although he would be much happier if he had one in his possession. But if he did have one, how would he get it up those three flights of stairs in the Administration Building?

MAJOR AKERS IS NEW CHIEF OF LGH OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY SERVICE



Major ELWYN N. AKERS, MC
Who recently became our newest service chief

Major Elwyn N. Akers, MC, who came to Letterman on 15 February as Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, has just completed three years residency training at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Texas. He had been a resident at Brooke since March 1946, and after completing that training in January of this year, he took a special course in Obstetrics and Gynecology Pathology, also at Brooke, before coming to his assignment here.

Major Akers was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and received his M. D. at Washington University in St. Louis in 1936. He interned at Colorado General Hospital, University of Colorado, in Boulder, and later was a resident at both St. Louis Maternity Hospital and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He spent two years in private practice in Honolulu before coming into the Army in September of 1940.

His first duty station in the Army was the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, where he spent 18 months on the Surgical Service. In June 1942 he was assigned to the Fourth Infantry Division and served with them until V-E Day. He was with the division in Georgia, New Jersey and Florida, when they received amphibious training before going overseas in January 1944. Major Akers was battalion surgeon with the 12th regiment during the assault landing in Normandy, and in succeeding campaigns until V-E Day.

He was CO of the 647th medical clearing company from May 1945 until its de-activation in September 1945, then served as executive officer to the surgeon of the U. S. forces in Austria. He was stationed in Vienna until his return to the States in March 1946, when he went to Brooke.

In his leisure time Major Akers enjoys golf and fishing. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of three sons — Robert, nearly two years old, and Steven and Gregory, seven-month-old twins. He and his family are now comfortably established in quarters here on the post, and Major Akers says he is most appreciative of the many kindnesses which Letterman personnel extended to him while he was in the process of getting settled.

Largest Peacetime Maneuvers Feature Joint Operations

Washington (AFPS)—Simulated "atomic bomb operations and guided missile attacks" will feature the largest peace--time maneuvers ever held by the Armed Forces, scheduled to unfold in the Caribbean area during the period of March 2 through March 19.

The major "Operation" of the exercises will be an assault on Vieques Island, off the coast of Puerto Rico, and will involve 120 Navy ships, hundreds of planes, and 35,000 men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Canadian Army.

Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, has been named over-all commander of the maneuvers. Following is the outline of the operation:

Submarines First

The first or Bermuda phase will consist of submarine warfare. Six guppy-snorkel type and eight standard fleet submarines will engage a striking force on its way to protect the landings at Vieques Island. This force will be protected by land-based aircraft and hunter-killer type anti-submarine ships.

"This phase was planned primarily to pit the latest anti-submarine methods and devices against modern submarine crews," the Navy said.

Troops Land in "Battle"

The main battle, the landings on Vieques, will follow a joint expeditionary force of American and Canadian soldiers, supported by ships and planes will make the attacks on D-Day. The task force, commanded by Vice Admiral D. B. Duncan, will aid the attack with 57 ships, 14 land-based plane squadrons, 16 carrier-based squadrons, a helicopter group and several blimps. The joint expeditionary troops will be led by Marine Corps Lieut. Gen. Keller G. Rockey.

Following the capture of Vieques Island, there will be another submarine battle in the "Haiti" phase, and on March 15 carrier-based planes will make an air attack on the American Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This attack also will include anti-aircraft firing at radio-controlled target planes and special torpedo firing at high-speed tow targets.

Cracker-barrel sages were sitting in their country store discussing their part in the war.

Lem: "How did you like the Army, Lum?"

Lum: "Well, I'll tell you, I thought the bull session, traveling and chow were pretty fine, but that there shootin' was plumb dangerous!"

Spice of Life

By Armed Forces Press Service

Memo to John Q. Citizen:

If ever you become despondent, and label life as slow or dull, remember the unpredictable antics of your neighbors are guaranteed to stymie boredom. For example, take a look at these American classics, taken from our "spice of life" file.

Would you believe that an Oklahoma woman returned her absentee ballot with a note: "Please send me a new list of men. I don't like any of these?" Or, equally fantastic, the story of a Michigan butcher who gave out aspirin tablets with each over-due bill!

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Maybe love is blind. One New Yorker, applying for a marriage license, was asked the name of his bride-to-be. The young swain hesitated, and finally had to admit that he didn't know.

The rent control office in a California town changed locations suddenly because the landlord raised the rent. Similarly helpless, a Nebraska city discovered its Town Hall heading the tax forclosure listings.

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A headstrong Danville, Ill., man paid no heed when construction engineers warned him about a new highway coming through his lot. The county sawed his house in half.

A New Yorker awaiting the death penalty would not admit the amount of his previous earnings. He said he wanted "no trouble with the income tax authorities!" Another defendant, in Maryland, was accused of "being too simple to follow a Western movie plot." "Acquitted," said the judge, "I've never been able to follow the things myself."

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Stopped by a Kansas cop for having a dirty windshield, a resourceful driver calmly took his crank handle, knocked out the glass, and drove on.

In Seattle, Wash., when a young lady heard such terms as "hold-up," "money," and "robbery" outside her window, she called police. They arrived to find indignant citizens discussing the high cost of living!

What's in a Name

Rio de Janeiro (AFPS)—Named for a river that does not exist, the city of Rio de Janeiro is often called, simply, Rio; virtually never called by its full name—Sao Sebastiao de Rio de Janeiro. Spanish discoverers in 1502 mistook the wide bay for the mouth of a river, which they called River of January because they came upon it January 1.

Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The matter of education is being considered in promotions of airmen stationed in Europe. The following factors have a definite bearing. (a) Last year of school before entry into service. (b) Number of USAFI courses completed. (c) Number of off-duty education courses completed. (d) Rise of educational grade level since enlistment.

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President Truman has accepted the resignation of William H. Draper, Jr., as Under-secretary of the Army. On continuous duty with the Army since 1940, Mr. Draper, a former Army Major-General, will return to private business.

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The airmen career program, paralleling the Army's job specialization plan, is being readied for final approval.

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The House Armed Services committee has approved legislation giving Defense Secretary Forrestal a top-level assistant with the title of Under-secretary of Defense.

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The Navy will conduct examinations for appointment as lieutenant (jg) in the Medical Corps in all Naval hospitals in continental U.S., April 4 to 8.

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The Naval Bureau of Personnel is receiving applications from qualified enlisted men for Regular Navy limited duty commissions. A selection board will consider them early in April and results will be announced in June.

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New Army Regulations prohibit the transfer of holders of the Combat or Expert Infantry badge to another branch without the Infantry's consent. The Infantry's policy will be to retain its experts.

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Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington will serve as campaign chairman for his Department during the 1949 Red Cross campaign.

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WAC enlisted women on initial enlistment will be assigned to ZI commands for at least six months before establishing eligibility for overseas service. The rule may be waived by the Adjutant General in special cases.

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The Army recently was given a citation for "distinguished humanitarian services" by the American Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training. The organization is devoted to vocational training and economic reconstruction for Jews.

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Secretary Forrestal has named the Army Surgeon General, Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, chairman of a committee to conduct a campaign to obtain doctors and dentists for volunteer service. Rear Adm. C. A. Swanson, Navy Surgeon General, and Maj. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, Air Surgeon General, are committee members.

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The Air Force will abolish 18 aviation engineer specialist courses at Fort Frances E. Warren, Wyo., with the graduation of present classes. In the future, the Army will train this type of personnel for both Services.

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The Army Quartermaster Corps, which buys fresh foods for all the Armed Services, spent $31 million per month for fresh and perishable items during the past 12 months. This agency buys 100 different items, totaling 15 million pounds per month.

Washington (AFPS)—A series of specialized training courses to qualify applicants for appointment in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps of the Regular Army will be offered in September, Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, the Army Surgeon General, has announced.

The training will include courses in Dietetics, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy with qualified graduates receiving appointments as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Army.

Individuals selected for this training program will be commissioned in the Officers' Reserve Corps, and must volunteer for two years of active Army duty.

Zipper Idea Wins VA Man $300 Prize

Washington (AFPS) — Money saving suggestions for improving various services in the Armed Forces and other branches of the Federal Government continued to pay off recently with the award of $300 to a 28-year-old VA employee. His suggestion was that zippers be used on all four corners of oxygen tents for added ease in the treatment of patients.

In making the award to Lewis W. Benson, an attendant at the Waco, Texas VA hospital, Administration officials said the idea will be used in veterans hospitals throughout the nation.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Hospitalization and outpatient treatment provided by Veterans Administration are **not** available to members of veterans' families, VA said in response to a number of inquiries.

Many wives of veterans were treated by Army and Navy doctors while their husbands were in service. Some wives erroneously believe they also are entitled to medical treatment from VA physicians.

Only ex-servicemen and women, if discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, are entitled to hospital treatment under the following priority system:

First—Emergency cases.

Second—Those suffering from injuries or diseases incurred in or aggravated by military service.

Third—Those who state under oath they are unable to pay hospital charges for treatment of non-service-connected disabilities, of illnesses. These veterans, if not in the emergency category, must wait until a bed becomes available.

Outpatient treatment is available only for veterans with service-connected disabilities. Each veteran's eligibility must be determined by VA before treatment of this type can be authorized.

Question: Under what circumstances is it necessary for me to take a physical examination in order to reinstate my National Service Life Insurance Policy?

Answer: It is necessary to take a physical examination in order to reinstate National Service Life Insurance in every case where the insurance has lapsed for more than three months.

Question: May I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

Answer: No. Your NSLI is convertible only to one or more of the six permanent plans issued by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Question: May benefits be paid for a veteran's child not residing with the widow?

Answer: Yes. Payments may be made to the person who has custody of the child.

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Nine Letterman Officers Alerted For Overseas Duty

Nine officers of the Letterman command have recently been alerted for overseas duty, and all will be leaving for their new stations between now and June. Five are going to the European Command; two to the Far East Command; one to the Caribbean area and one to Brazil.

Those who will go to Europe are Captain Russell Hey, MSC, assistant Evacuation Officer and Adjutant of the Hospital Train Section, who is leaving next week; Captain Leon T. Tayloe, Jr., MSC, director of Training Division; First Lieut. Eugene E. Lockhart, MSC, in charge of the machine shop, Medical Supply Division; First Lieut. Richard C. DiSalle, MSC, assistant chief of Military Personnel. These three will leave in June. WOJG Dominic G. Germane, administrative assistant to the chief of Orthopedic Service, is leaving in May for Trieste.

First Lieut. Robert W. Wier, MCS, commanding officer of the Enlisted Section, Hospital Train Section, will leave in May for duty in the Far East Command. Lieutenant Wier will be stationed in Yokohama.

Captain George W. Johnston, MSC, who is Chief of Chemistry Section of the Laboratory Service, is leaving in June for duty in the Caribbean area.

Captain Edward J. Higgins, MSC, as present administrative assistant to the chief of Survical Service, sails next month for Brazil on a State department assignment. He will be stationed in Rio de Janeiro with the U. S. Army Section, Joint Brazilian-U. S. Military Commission, and will work under the military attache' there, Major General W. H. H. Morris. Captain Huggins spent six months during 1948 studying Portugese at the language school at the Presidio of Monterey to prepare himself for this assignment.



Colonel PAUL I. ROBINSON, MC
Who was a local visitor this week

OSG Personnel Chief Here from Washington

Colonel Paul I. Robinson, MC, Chief of the Office of Personnel in the Surgeon General's Office, was here this week as a member of the inspection group from the Office of The Surgeon General, visiting headquarters of Sixth Army. The group left Monday to continue the tour of inspection.

Colonel Robinson, who received his M. D. at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., entered the Army Medical Corps shortly after receiving his degree in 1928. After several tours of duty in the States, including one as Fiscal Officer in the OSG, he went to the European and Mediterranean Theatres in 1944 as a chairman of The Surgeon General's board for planning redeployment of personnel and materiel. Later he served in the Pacific area as Deputy Surgeon for the U. S. forces in the Far East and as medical member of the Pacific Welfare Board.

When his present assignment in the OSG permits, he lectures on hospital administration at Washington University School of Medicine.

Organized Reserve Corps Activates New Medical Unit

A new medical reserve unit, composed of reserve officers of the Bay Area, was activated last week at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Colonel Berthel H. Henning, well known San Francisco surgeon, with offices at 450 Sutter Street, commands the new organization, which is designated officially as headquarters, 816th Hospital Center. The mission of this medical unit, according to Colonel Henning, is to coordinate, supervise and inspect the training of medical units under its command.

Staff officers of the 816th Hospital Center include Lieut. Col. Herbert H. Darling, 90 Woodland Avenue, San Francisco, executive officer; Lieut. Col. Milton M. Kenney, 2201 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, S-4 and dental officer; Major Kevin W. McGettigan, 2240 Jackson Street, San Francisco, S-1; Major Robert J. Owens, 1119 Hillcrest Boulevard, Millbrae, S-2; Major Wilma York, 4015 Balboa Street, San Francisco, chief nurse, and Captain Howard H. Braunstein, 880 - 25th Avenue, San Francisco, adjutant.

Other staff officers attached to the unit include Lieut. Col. Helen B. Gearin, Women's Medical Specialist Service Corps Reserve, of 2614 Dolores Avenue, San Mateo, and Major Manuel Kalman, 9 Rosebank Avenue, Kentfield.

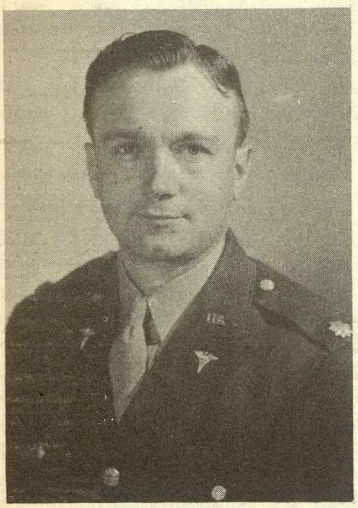
Lieut. Col. H. C. McCullough, 518-30th Avenue, San Mateo, unit instructor for Organized Reserve Corps medical units at the Presidio of San Francisco, announced that training of personnel assigned to the 816th Hospital Center will begin immediately.

Letterman is Dermatology Center for Wide-Flung Area



RAYMOND M. WILLIAMS
Lieut. Col., MC
Assistant Chief

Letterman, which is one of the three Army general hospitals where dermatological residency training is being given, has every reason to point with pride to its Dermatology and Syphilology Section of the Medical Service. Patients with complicated dermatologic conditions are sent here not only from Army posts throughout the Western part of the United States, but also from the entire Pacific Theatre. The two other Army hospitals where residency training in this specialty is carried on are Walter Reed General Hospital, in Washington, D. C., and Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.



ORLAND S. OLSEN
Lieut. Col. MC
Asst. Ward Officer

During February an all-day meeting of the Western Dermatological Association was held here at Letterman at which all the Pacific Coast states were represented and members of the profession came from as far north as Vancouver, British Columbia, and as far east as Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting consisted of the presentation of cases and discussions, and those present were entertained here at a banquet luncheon.

The work of the Dermatology and Syphilology Section is carried on on Ward 43, in the East Hospital, where 26 beds are available. Female patients are cared for on the various women's wards. Admissions on the section average 25 a month, and approximately 600 outpatients are treated each month.

The divisions of the section include not only dermatology and syphilology, but also mycology (the study of fungus diseases); radiology (superficial X-ray therapy is given), and dermato-pathology.

A new superficial X-ray therapy machine has recently been added to the equipment of the section, and treatments are also given with the electro-desiccation unit, and with hot and cold quartz ultra-violet light.

The dermatology clinic was recently remodeled, and each of the doctors on the section now has a separate office.

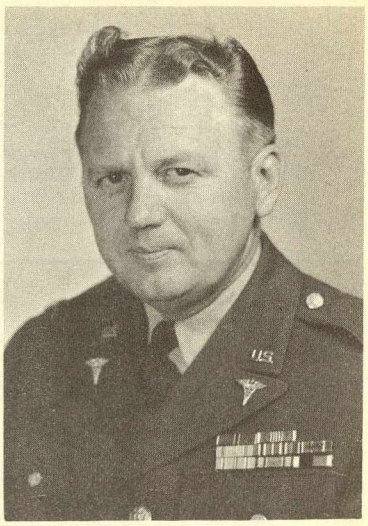
Lieut. Col. Robert S. Higdon, MC, is Chief of the section, and Lieut. Col. Raymond M. Williams, MC, is assistant chief. Lieut. Col. Oswald R. Jensen, MC, is ward officer, and the assistant ward officers are Lieut. Col. Orland S. Olsen, MC, and Captain Edward F. Gudgel, MC. All are commissioned in the Regular Army.

The attending staff of civilian consultants on the section are Dr. Frederick G. Novy and Dr. Edward A. Levin, both of the University of California School of Medicine; Dr. Robert C. Lofgren of Stanford Unievrsity School of Medicine, and Dr. James R. Drake of Mary's Help Hospital, San Francisco.

The residency training in dermatology given here is supplemented



Lieut. Col. ROBERT S. HIGDON, MC
Chief of Dermatology and Syphilology Section



OSWALD R. JENSEN
Lieut. Col., MC
Ward Officer, Ward 43

by lectures and teaching conferences with the University of California dermatology department, and the personnel of the section attend one-hour lectures at UC four mornings each week. They also attend weekly lectures on dermato-pathology given here at LGH by Dr. Nathan Rudo of Southern Pacific General Hospital, who is a consultant in Pathology on the Laboratory Service here.

Colonel Higdon, who was born in Brookhaven, Miss., came into the Army as an interne in July 1937, shortly after receiving his M. D. from Tulane University School of Medicine. He interned at Beaumont

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EDWARD F. GUDGEL
Captain, MC
Asst. Ward Officer

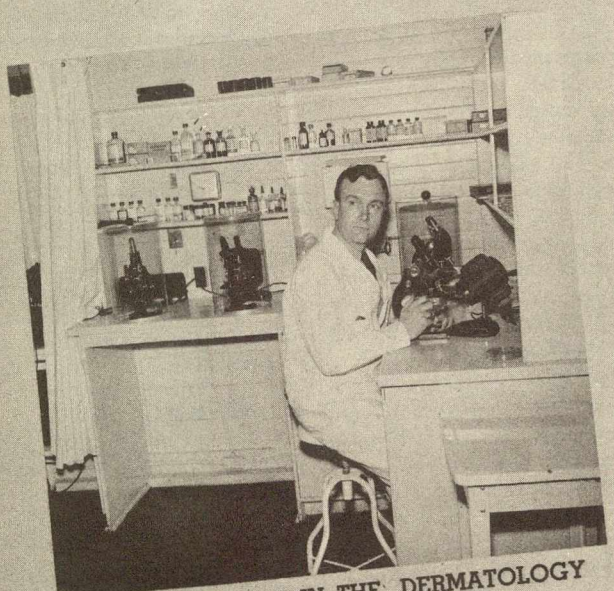
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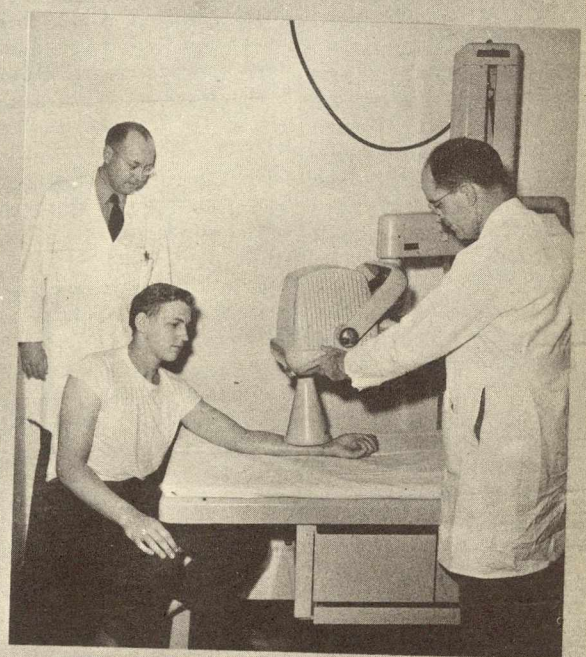
NO CHOCOLATES, BUT . . .
Mrs. Clarence Rains, former Army nurse who is a patient on ward O-1, can't have chocolates but she can have hard candy, and in this picture taken by CWO Fred G. Lewis of Letterman, she is having it in a big way.



HE'S WEARING TWIN BARS NOW
Captain Carl D. Hennessy, Laundry officer, is wearing that happy promotion smile as his new bars are pinned on by Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, and Col. James B. Stapleton, executive officer.



THE LABRATORY IN THE DERMATOLOGY SECTION
With Lieut. Col. Orland S. Olsen, MC, at the microscope.



NEW SUPERFICIAL X-RAY THERAPY
Lieut. Col. Robert S. Higdon, MC, chief of Dermatology, looks on while Lieut. Col. Raymond M. Williams, MC, adjusts the machine for a treatment to Pvt. John M. Kislo, patient on ward 43.

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EDITORIAL

GOOD MORNING!

How's your greeting technique? Is it grim or is it gay? Not that we mean by using that expression that you should have a carefully worked out, unvarying system of greetng people—that sort of thing should be natural and spontaneous, but above all, it should be cheerful.

Here at Letterman where all day we meet people on the ramps and in the wards, "passing the time of day" with friends and acquaintances we see as we go about our tasks need be no more than just a cheerful "good morning," or "how are you?"

Perhaps first thing in the morning you don't really feel like oiling the wheels of communication with your fellow human beings, but even if you have to pretend a little, it won't hurt you. It will give the person you greet a genuine lift, and it's guaranteed to lift your spirits, too.

What if you do have worries; so does everyone else. Advocating a cheerful good morning to start the day right isn't a new idea, but it's worth a reminder.

A friendly smile does double duty—it's good for the person who gves it as well as for the one who gets it.



The ANC ranks at Letterman were augmented by eight nurses who arrived for duty last week. First Lieut. **Madeline M. Matson,** former Army nurse who served in Japan during the war, is again in the ANC, and came to LGH from Roseburg, Oregon. Captain **Margaret C. Stafford** came to duty from Fitzsimons General Hospital, where she has been a patient.

The other six newcomers arrived from Brooke Army Medical Center, where they have just completed basic training. They are: Captain **Laura A. Hutchinson,** First Lieut. **Jessie B. Jones,** First Lieut. **Eleanor T. Schneider,** and 2d Lieuts. **Vivian Lewis, Fannie W. Daniel,** and **Lulubelle A. Davis.**

First Lieut. **Catherine Hartt,** WMSC, former Army dietitian, is back in the Army and arrived last week for duty here. She is from Rawlins, Wyoming. Another newcomer on the dietitians' staff is 2d Lieut. **Margaret Kolze,** WMSC, of Campbell, California. Lieutenant Kolze arrived here in February and is at present at Brooke Army Medical Center for two months basic training.

First Lieut. **Lena J. Russell,** ANC (in private life the wife of Dr. **Lee A. Russell, Jr., of Chicago**) will be leaving Letterman in the near future to join her husband, and has been assigned to duty at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

The sympathy of her friends here is extended to First Lieut. **Gertrude L. Shaffer,** WMSC, of Physical Therapy, who has been called home to Kent, Washintgon, on emergency leave, due to the death of her sister.

First Lieut. **Edith A. Hill,** WMSC, of the dietitians' staff, is currently enjoying a six-day leave, and Captain **Kathryn M. Doody,** ANC, left Monday to begin a 15-day leave.

Captain **Velma Richardson,** WMSC, chief dietitian, took a group of 13 student dietitians from Stanford University on a tour of the hospital when they were here on a field trip this week.

WAC

School days are here again for members of the detachment who are attending the Military Justice and Courts-Martial course being conducted at the Post Theater. Several girls attending the morning class have a little difficulty remaining awake for the entire session, but with the help of surrounding personnel, they manage to absorb some knoweldge of military law.

Volleyball practice is finally getting underway with five WACs and six Physical Therapists and Nurses composing the Letterman Women's Volleyball Team, which is to participate in the Sixth Army Semi-Final Tournament 14 March at this station.

Corporal **Sally Craig** left Monday, driving her car across country to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Sally is taking her car with her on her trek to Europe. Corporal **Lorraine Fincher** also drove to Camp Kilmer; however, she will be leaving her car in the States while on duty overseas.

A hearty welcome is extended to Private **Patricia Leedham,** most recent addition to the WAC Detachment, "Pat" has just completed basic training in Camp Lee, Virginia, and she is now on leave in Oregon.

Deepest sympathies are extended to two members of the detachment who have suffered the loss of loved ones recently. Corporal **Mildred Johnson** has requested a six day leave due to the death of her sister, and Sergeant **Olive Badger,** who has just returned from Dental X-Ray School in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was notified that her father had died, and she is now on her way back to Vermont.

Sergeant **Elsie Lepitre** has recently changed her name to McClellan in a ceremony at Reno, Nevada, with Sergeant **Lea Lamascus** and Thomas Harritt accompanying the couple. Best wishes for happiness are extended to Mrs. McClelland and her husband.

"Oh, Johnny" could well be the tune being hummed by Captain **Charlotte Woodworth** these days. Johnny has been afflicted with a bad case of Spring fever, and it's a chore trying to keep up with the wandering Spaniel.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 13, March, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Study Ordered on Unification of Medical Services

(AFPS)—Study of a unified plan of medical service for the Armed Forces has been ordered by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal as a matter of "high priority."

Mr. Forrestal gave the job to the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee which he appointed last December. The Committee is headed by Charles P. Cooper, President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

The Committee was asked to consider what unified organization of all medical services would be the most economical in terms of money, medical manpower and facilities.

The Defense Secretary said he hoped the studies will result "in material reduction of our overall requirements for medical personnel and facilities and will enable us to provide the highest standard of medical care for personnel in the Service."

It has been estimated that by the end of July, 1949, the Armed Forces will be about 1,600 doctors and about 1,160 dentists short of requirements.

Wedding Bells

Lieutenant Rose J. Dull, a member of the Letterman nursing staff, became the bride of Mr. Salvatore J. Sancimino, of San Francisco, at ceremonies held in the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio of San Francisco on Sunday afternoon last.

Captain Alma C. Frey, ANC, of Letterman, was the maid of honor and Mr. St. Lawrence Torcellini, of San Rafael, was the groomsman.

A reception following the wedding ceremony was held in the Recreation Hall of the Nurses Quarters.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BARBARA J. THOMAS
Sergeant First Class

Service in the Philippines, in New Guinea and in China has given Thomas a taste for travel that is still with her after six years in the Army. She first enlisted in January 1943 when the WAC was the WAAC, and has been in the Army ever since except for a six-month interval during the illness of her father.

Barbara was born in Eau Claire, Wisc., and before joining the Army she did office work for the U. S. Rubber Company. She had basic training at Des Moines, then was assigned to motor transport duty at Camp Hood, Tex.

She re-enlisted in Boston in February 1944, and was again assigned to motor transport work, this time at First Service Command headquarters. In December 1944 she went overseas, and was in the office of the WAC staff director in Hollandia until the following June. She then went to Biak, and worked in the base censorship detachment. In September she was sent to Manila, and in January 1946 returned to the States via the Panama Canal to New York on the last trip of the "USS West Point."

After several months at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Barbara went to China, where she served first in Peiping, then in Nanking, where she was on duty with the Army Advisory Group. While in Nanking she was married in February 1948 to Sergeant James E. Thomas, Army photographer who is now assigned to Sixth Army headquarters here. Upon Barbara's return to the States last November she was hospitalized here, then last month was assigned to duty in Separation Branch.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Colonel **Edward George** and **Charles Piper,** veteran, both patients on ward D-2, devote a good deal of time these days thinking up mental gymnastics and devising abstruse questions with which to bombard their visitors. All who expect to encounter the team of George and Piper are advised to come armed with a dictionary, preferably unabridged.

Versatile is the word for Pfc. **Frank McDonald,** patient on ward M-2, who has been working in Occupational Therapy on three types of projects—copper tooling, square knotting and wood carving. It may be he'll have a try at all the crafts before he's through.

Herman Judd, veteran, who is a patient on ward F-1, has been at Letterman for two weeks and when mail time comes round he gets that happy look on his face because he's confidently expecting a letteer with a Chowchilla, California, postmark, from his wife Jean, with news about the family. The Juds have three children—Anna Lee, 6; Robert Raymond, 2, and Betty Jean, 9 months old.

Pfc **James L. O'Brien,** patient on ward M-2, has recently become interested in ceramics, and already they're saying of him that he's an artist on the potter's wheel.

Sergeant **Tom Newell,** patient on ward 42, is going in for carpentry now in Occupational Therapy, and has made a plastic lamp base for which he did an original design.

He is also interested in learning photography, and will probably be taking striking pictures of his other O. T. work before long.

Eleven-year-olds are usually sound sleepers, but **Bernard Elster,** age 11, who has been a patient on ward F-1, departed from the ward muttering that he'd been "greatly disturbed by all that snoring."

Private **Joe Bricker,** ward attendant on B-1, is now having the novel experience of being a patient himself—on ward D-1. Judging from the large number of comic books, movie and detective magazines on his bedside table, Joe is expecting a lengthy period as a patient. He remarks sadly that it was bad enough to step on a nail, but even worse to be getting the needle, as he is now.

Five patients are currently constructing a safe place to keep money, meaning leather billfolds, and it's been suggested that they call themselves the "Leatherwork League." The five are **Clayton T. Frederickson,** Pfc. **Raymond Mason** and Cpl. **Robert Martin,** all of ward M-2; Pfc. **Carl L. Beckett** of ward 41, and Pvt. **Bill White** of ward 42.

Sunshine yellow and vivid green are the predominant colors in the drapery material which Sergeant **Vivian Anderson,** patient on ward O-1, is weaving on one of the O.T. looms. The fabric is very decorative, and should be an effective addition to whatever windows it brightens.

Music for the big St. Patrick's Day dance to be held at the Army YMCA next Wednesday, 16 March, will be furnished by Walt Tolleson's band. There will be special St. Patrick's Day features, a special door prize, and refreshments. Dancing begins at 8 p. m.

Members of the Letterman Anglers' Club are talking enthusiastically, now that Spring is here, about forthcoming events for eager anglers. Those who are interested in joining the club can call or drop in at the Recreation Hall or get details from one of the Gray Ladies. The club has its own fishing tackle and equipment, and boats are chartered for the use of the members. Members will enter the fly-casting event in the Sportsmen's Show coming up in April and May, and they need not be seasoned flycasters to enter —there will be plenty of instruction and practice before the event. Last year a corporal and a captain from LGH walked off with five prizes each at this show and neither had tossed a fly until a month before the event. Besides this there are two handsome cups waiting to be hooked by the lucky angler who catches the largest striped bass and the largest edible fish during the season. The club is open to both patients and detachment personnel.

To Texas

The commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, left on Thursday to spend the week end at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He will make an observation tour of the hospital facilities under the policy of the Surgeon General in having hospital commanders visit similar installations.

General Cole will return to San Francisco on Tuesday.

ON THE SPOT



OTIS W. POINDEXTER
Corporal

Although he won't be saying goodbye to Army life until some time this month, Corporal Otis Poindexter took advantage of a recent 41-day furlough to enroll in junior college, and attended classes while on furlough. He intends to major in architectural drawing.

Otis was born in Paul's Valley, Okla., but grew up and went to school in Lancaster, Calif. He is enrolled now at Antelope Valley Junior College, near Lancaster, but hasn't made up his mind where he will go to continue his studies when he has finished there.

He came into the Army in February 1946 at Fort MacArthur, spent some time at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, then attended auto mechanics school in Atlanta, Ga., before going overseas in September 1946. He went to the Mediterranean Theatre, and was stationed in Leghorn, Italy, where he did automotive maintenance work. After 13 months overseas he returned to the States, and was on duty at Fort Ord for a month before being assigned to Letterman in February of last year.

He spent the first few months of his duty at Letterman in the Information Office, then was assigned to Military Personnel. Since his return from his recent furlough he has been working in the Sergeant Major's office.

Otis, who is better known as "Oddie," likes sports, particularly track, football and baseball, though at present he's paying more attention to studies than to sports, he says. His Army training as an automotive mechanic left him with a strong liking for that kind of work, so he may do that on the side while he's going to school.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Harry Mour, of the Post Exchange cleaning plant, paid a surprise visit to his friends at Letterman last week. A victim of polio since last December, Harry is making remarkable progress and is now able to walk with the aid of a brace.

Bill O'Brien, Records Administrator, traveled to Boulder Creek last week end to see how his cabin fared with the recent snow and rain and found the dining room flooded with water. He is now in the market for new furniture and a new roof.

Zack and **Alzonia Walker** have left the Laundry, Letterman, and San Francisco for Texas where they will settle down on the farm.

Rose Miller of the Post Exchange left on her two weeks vacation last week and will spend her time resting in Redwood City and Stockton.

Gus Tevis, Occupational Therapy Shop, is currently on two weeks vacation and he and his bride are busily moving into their new home.

Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** manager of the LGH Post Exchange, and her husband, Bill, recently completed the fixing and furnishing of their small cottage in Fresno and they are pleased with the results. They have named the cottage Belleigh Acres.

Frances Parry of the Laundry fixed a birthday dinner last week for her 16-year-old son and eight of his friends. A good time was reported by all.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new employees of Letterman: **Wallace Robbie,** Registrar; **Robert W. Burrell,** Laboratory Service; **Virginia A. Rayhill,** EENT Service; **Pearl D. Nash,** Medical Service; **Lucille M. Henry,** QM Laundry, **Reuben Stutch,** Out Patient Service and **Thomas H. Parks,** Laboratory Service.

Two civilian nurses recently handed in their resignations. They are **Millie R. Wuhrmann** and **Evelyn A. Bremer.**

Red Cross Drive

Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala, Chairman of the Red Cross fund drive, announces that donations received up to 10 March amounted to $668.76.

It is believed that many who intend to give to the fund have not as yet been approached by committee heads. Donors are invited to give now and then tell the committee about a good deed.

Most women not only keep their girlish figures, they double them.

WITH THIS TEACHER, STUDYING IS A PLEASURE, SAY HER STUDENTS



Mrs. RUTH STALEY
Who teaches patients and duty personnel at LGH

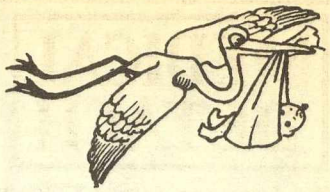
Studying can be a tedious task or a pleasant one—it depends a lot on the teacher. Letterman patients and duty personnel who pursue their studies here under the guidance of Mrs. Ruth Staley find them a pleasure, judging from the many complimentary comments we have heard about her work. Mrs. Staley teaches in the Adult Education Division, San Francisco Board of Education, and her services are made available at Letterman through the cooperation of the division, so that patients and duty personnel may have educational facilities right here on the post.

She is here every afternoon Monday through Friday, and teahces English, mathematics, civics, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and accounting. The majority of students come to the I & E classroom, but she also gives individual instruction on the wards, to bed-patients.

Mrs. Staley, who is a native of St. Paul, Minn., studied merchandising before she decided to enter the teaching field, and took her degree as Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Minnesota, then worked for a time in a women's specialty shop in St. Paul. Then she went back to the university and earned her B. S. in commercial education. She taught in Minnesota high schools and spent a summer at the University of Colorado taking graduate work in vocational guidance.

During a trip to California she met Jerome Staley, and the following summer in St. Paul she became Mrs. Staley, and returned to make her home in San Francisco. During the war while Mr. Staley was in the Army and stationed in Seattle, Mrs. Staley taught in Seattle high schools. They returned to San Francisco in 1945 and have since built their own home in San Anselmo. They have a two-year-old daughter, Nicky Sue, who is the delight of their life, and next to the baby, their hobby is gardening on the half-acre of land which surrounds their home.

Mrs. Staley has taught here at Letterman off and on ever since she came back to San Francisco after the war ended. During summer vacations she goes back to Minnesota to visit her family, and in spite of her liking for California, she still thinks there's no place like her home state, and she is already making plans for her Minnesota vacation trip this year.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard C. Johnson, a girl, **Cathy Lee,** born 20 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Gerald E. Benson, a girl, **Linda Lue,** born 20 February.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Cameron, a girl, **Catherine Ann,** born 20 February.

To Rct. and Mrs. Javier Quintana, a boy, **Danny,** born 21 February.

To Sgt. and Mrs. John G. Hopkins, a boy, **John Michael,** born 21 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis C. Long, Jr., a girl, **Luelle Charlotte,** born 21 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Monroe Jones, a girl, **Evelyn Badong,** born 22 February.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Jesse Manuel Nieto, a boy, **Jesse Daniel,** born 22 February.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. David S. Parker, a boy, **Stephen Bixby,** born 22 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Albert Niemyer, Jr., a girl, **Patricia Jean,** born 23 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John M. Doyle, a girl, **Cheryl Annette,** born 23 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Yael Friedlander, a boy, **Brad Marshall,** born 23 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert E. Sykora, a boy, **Michael Koka,** born 23 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. David E. Berglund, a boy, **Paul Graham,** born 23 February.

To M/Sgt, and Mrs. Charles E. OMeara, a girl, **Patricia Eileen,** born 24 February.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Adams, Jr., a boy, **James Ernest, III,** born 24 February.

MEDICAL DETACH

The Letterman Women's Volleyball Team has been working out nightly at the Sports Center in preparation for the coming Sixth Army Tournament. A large number of new candidates, plus some of the experienced members of last year's fine club, seems to assure that LGH will be well represented in the tourney. The EM Volleyball squad can use additional participants, and any member of the detachment interested in joining can make sure of a tryout by contacting Sergeant **Leslie Harvey** at extension 2289 for an appointment.

The LGH swimming pool is once again open to all members of the detachment and their dependents.

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Private **Donald H. Porter,** formerly with the Sixth Army photography laboratory, has recently been assigned to duty at the Occupational Therapy Shop photo lab.

Uusually when a car is parked directly behind another car, with no space between and no space ahead, it is necessary to get somebody to move so you can get under way. Not so with Master Sergeant **Herbert E. Woodward** of Physical Medicine, who accomplished a "believe it or not" feat with his car the other morning by calmly lifting it to the sidewalk and backing out to drive away. That's how it is when you drive a Crosley!

Corporal and Mrs. **Dick Raitt** and Sergeant **Al Vendouris** and Miss **Mary Costa,** his fiancee, enjoyed the quaint atmosphere and quiet seclusion of Carmel and Monterey last weekend. They picnicked at Monterey, and report a wonderful time.

When Recruit **Ben Ammatura** of Central Service was told that last months rainfall was three inches less than during the same month last year, he remarked that some of the Bay tide must have crept in to help matters along.

Corporal **John Fasbender** of the Message Center is happy these days to dwell upon the fact that upon discharge from the Army he will go to work as a driver for the Pacific Greyhound Lines. Now the question is would his friends get free rides on the bus he happens to be driving? They claim they're all broke! !

MASTER SERGEANT ANTOINE SAYS THIS TIME HE'S IN THE ARMY TO STAY



Master Sergeant JOSEPH E. ANTOINE
Night NCO in charge of Custodial Services

Master Sergeant Joseph Antoine has gone back to civilian life twice since he first enlisted in the Army in 1935, but he keeps re-enlisting, and "this time I'm in to stay," he says. When he enlisted the last time, which was in September 1948, he asked for an assignment in the Bay Area, and was happy to be sent to Letterman. He works the 3 to 11 p. m. shift, and is night NCO in charge of Custodial Services.

Sergeant Antoine was born in Washington, Louisiana, and grew up there and in New Iberia. During his first three years in the Army he was in the Infantry, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and while there he earned medals for being an expert rifle shot and an expert with the bayonet. When his enlistment was up, he re-enlisted in the reserves and was on inactive status until recalled to active duty in February 1941. In the interval he worked in Los Angeles, first in a jewelry store, and later as chauffeur and butler.

After his return to active duty he was at Fort Ord until the Pearl Harbor attack, then was sent to San Bernardino to join the 47th QM Truck Regiment, of which he was section leader. The following March he was promoted to first sergeant, and returned to Fort Ord on cadre duty with the 46th QM Truck Regiment, Company H. He went overseas to North Africa with the outfit early the following year, landing in Casablanca in February. He served in the North African campaign for a little over a year, then returned to the States as a patient, and was hospitalized at Fletcher General Hospital in Cambridge, Ohio. After his recovery he went to the replacement center at the Presidio of Monterey, and was later assigned to Camp John Knight in Oakland, where he served with the 3163d QM Service Company until his discharge in November 1945.

Sergeant Antoine worked for the Berkeley postoffice as mail carrier and at Alameda Naval Air Station as storekeeper until he again enlisted in the Army last September. He and his wife Elizabeth make their home in Berkeley.

In his free time he enjoys fishing, watching baseball and football games, and going to the movies, but just now a good deal of his leisure is taken up with studying, since he is taking a radio technicians' course.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Once again the Hospital Train Section has the pleasure of welcoming a new detachment commander, Captain **Edwin M. Wehrman.** He is relieving First Lieut. **Robert W. Wier,** who has been alerted for overseas duty with the Far East Command. We extend a hearty welcome to Captain Wehrman and wish the best of luck to Lieutenant Wier.

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Private First Class **Allen C. Stanley** has become a proud father, for the first time. Mrs. Stanley presented him with a 4 pound, 7 ounce daughter, and Allen is busy acknowledging congratulations from his friends.

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Sergeant First Class **James Mitchell** is organizing a volley ball team, and from the way things have been going during practice sessions, the team will soon be ready to challenge any worthy opponent.

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Fifteen of the Hospital Train Section personnel received promotions this week, and rate congratulations. Six men were promoted to the rank of Private First Class; nine to the rank of Private. The Pfcs are Russell K. Coffey, Hipolito R. Morin, Cruz R. Fontanez, John L. Bruce, Dwayne S. Huffaker and Ralph C. Talley. The Privates include Patrick Decrescenzo, James T. Doody, Raymond C. Guajardo, Elmer Jackman, Peter Malvasio, Louis R. Nostrant, Warren C. Raines, Robert M. Sergent, Robert G. Strange.

The challenge of the future is wonderful and fearful. It is a challenge of change and adaptation to change. Our students and graduates must understand that change will be the order of the day. They must be able to adapt themselves to a world of change, if they are to be the masters, and not the victims ,of events. —Virgil M. Hancher.

Troop Information And Education

"The man who wakes up and finds himself successful hasn't been asleep," so say the sages. Your education office is your source for a successful Army career.

ALL military personnel and R. A. officers who wish to establish two year college level can have the Educational Qualification Test, 2 CX, which is available thru USAFI, administered to them. The conditions are as follows:

a. Present to the Troop I & E Officer a transcript of credits based upon college courses, from an accredited college and/or, USAFI certificates for college level courses totaling a minimum of 24 semester hours of credits, or have completed satisfactorily the College Level General Educational Development Test.

b. Have reached their 21st birthday. Waiver for special conditions under "a" above may be requested by field grade officers whose assignments over a period of years indicate that they have attained a cultural level of at least the equivalent of two years of college education. Such requests must be submitted for approval to the Troop I&E Officer.

c. Have attained a cultural level of at least the equivalent of two years of college education. Such requests must be submitted for approval to the Troop I & E Officers at Army levels.

Certificates or entries on official records indicating satisfactory completion of Educational Qualificatiion Test, 2 CX, will contain the notation "For Military Classification Only and not intended as substitute for civilian accreditation." This test is intended primarily for individuals who desire constructive credit only and who do not elect to acquire academic credits.

Although the minimum passing scores for the Educational Qualification Test have been established, they will not be announced to the field. If one fails to meet the prescribed scores in any particular, he will be informed concerning those fields in which he was particularly deficient, in order that he may undertake appropriate studies to overcome those specific deficiencies.

Remember "Education Wise" is "Army Wise."

New Bride: "Darling, before we were married my parents worried over your financial situation."

Recruit: "Well, if they were concerned about my finances, they were just worrying over nothing."

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. GEORGE LIEDEL
Armed Forces Press Service

It was a great show, the All-Army, World-Wide Boxing Tournament. Fighters from five Armies and three overseas commands traveled thousands of miles to reach Ft. Myer, Virginia, and a chance at the Army Championships.

The Military District of Washington was host command for the tournament and went all out to welcome the seventy-two fighters who participated in the bouts. Quarters were provided with the famous Old Guard, Third Infantry Regiment. The best cooks at Fort Myer were detailed to prepare special diets for the athletes and the spare-time entertainment was the best the Nation's Capital could provide.

The tournament began on a Monday and six days and 64 fights later eight boxers were declared champions of the U.S. Army before a crowd of more than 6,000 spectators which included top government officials, high ranking military men and representatives of practically all the United Nations.

Meet Gen. Bradley

Diversion for the fighters included television shows, bus and air sightseeing trips and a hockey game. But the top thrill of the week came when the boxers, their coaches, trainers and managers were taken to Gen. Omar N. Bradley's office for a greeting by the Chief of Staff himself. General Bradley welcomed the fighters, shook hands with them and posed for pictures with each team. One of the team members, a young recruit, was overheard saying, "Wait until Mom sees this picture, me with the General. Gosh!"

The special diet furnished the Army's top flight leather pushers would have made a good selling point for a recruiter. Steaks, thick and juicy; chicken, fried to a turn; plenty of milk, butter, eggs, fresh vegetables, ice cream and fruit. And, NO SPAM! The only persons heard to complain were trainers, striving to keep their charges within their weight limits.

The actual tournament was all that a fight-fan could ask, plenty of clever boxing, knockouts galore and little delay for speech making. The only ceremony, other than the awarding of trophies to the champions, was the nightly presentation of the colors by the Third Infantry Color Guard. The color bearers were dressed in uniforms of colonial days and the Guard in modern dress blues.

Impressive Sight

It was an impressive sight as they mounted the ring and presented arms during the playing of the National Anthem by the Army Band. An awed hush came over the crowd as the colors were paraded through the historic building, followed by rounds of applause after the ceremony was over.

Third Army fighters dominated the six nights of fighting. Winner of the Team Championship, the Third had four fighters in the finals and won three individual championships in the bantam, light, and middleweight divisions. Two Third Army men suffered hand and arm injuries during the preliminary bouts and were eliminated from the tournament by forfeits.

Proud of their status as champions of their particular areas, the fighters conducted themselves as champions and soldiers should.

A statement made by Major John D. Duffie of the European Command boxing team could well be applied to everyone participating in the tournament. Said Major Duffie:

Conduct Superior

"The conduct of all members of the 1949 European Command Boxing Team during the Army Tournament at Fort Myer, Virginia, was superior. The cooperation, courtesy, discipline and military bearing of the members is gratifying indeed and certainly reflects credit upon themselves, the European Command and the Military Establishment. They trained hard, fought hard and well, and displayed great individual and team sportsmanship."

A few of the fighters have announced intentions of entering the professional boxing ring eventually. Their ability, plus their sportsmanship should give the boxing business a much needed shot in the arm. They displayed, at Fort Myer, the stuff of which champions are made.

ALL-ARMY CHAMPS

Heavyweight
Sgt. Howard Williams, 25th Inf., Far East Command

Light-Heavyweight
Cpl. Sheridan Fagans, 933rd AAA Battalion, Far East Command

Middleweight
Sgt. Lawrence Jones, 3440th ASU, Ft. Benning, Third Army

Welterweight
Rct Felix Benson, 77th Trans. Truck Co., Munich, European Command

Lightweight
Pvt Marshall Clayton, Jr., 999th Field Artillery Bn, Third Army

Featherweight
Cpl. Harold J. Stewart, 571st Field Artillery Bn, Fifth Army

Bantamweight
Pfc Bernard Donnell. 504th Airborne Infantry, Third Army

Flyweight
Rct. Nicholas Lopez, Schofield Barracks, Pacific Command

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: I served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Am I eligible for Government Life Insurance?

Answer: As a veteran of World War I, you are eligible to apply for up to $10,000 of U. S. Government Life Insurance. It does not matter whether you took out such insurance while you were in the service or have let it lapse.

MORE ABOUT DERMATOLOGY CENTER

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General Hospital, El Paso Texas. During the war he was commanding officer of the 308th Medical Battalion, 83rd Infantry Division, and went overseas in April 1944. He participated in the Normandy invasion, and served with the division in five major campaigns in France and Germany.

Upon his return to the States he requested training in dermatology, and began his residency training in 1946 at Ashford General Hospital. When that hospital closed he came to LGH. Since coming to San Francisco he has had a year of training in dermatology as resident at the UC hospital here. At the end of the year, in July 1948, he was reassigned to Letterman as chief of the section.

Colonel Williams, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, first came to LGH as a patient in October 1945, then was assigned to duty here the following April. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, and has been in the Army since 1935.

Colonel Jensen, who received his M. D. from Rush Medical College in Chicago, interned at Letterman in 1937-38. During the war he was commanding officer of the 248th General Hospital in the Philippines. He returned here last July to begin his residency training.

Colonel Olsen has been in the Army since 1941, and is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine. Before coming to Letterman last July for residency training, he was deputy chief of Education and Training Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

Captain Gudgel, who received his M. D. at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, has been in the Army since 1947, and began his residency training here in January 1948.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Big Army Day Program Planned For Bay Area

Parades, band concerts, a review of troops and special ceremonies and exhibits are being planned by Sixth Army personnel for the observance of Army Day in the Bay Area on Saturday, 9 April.

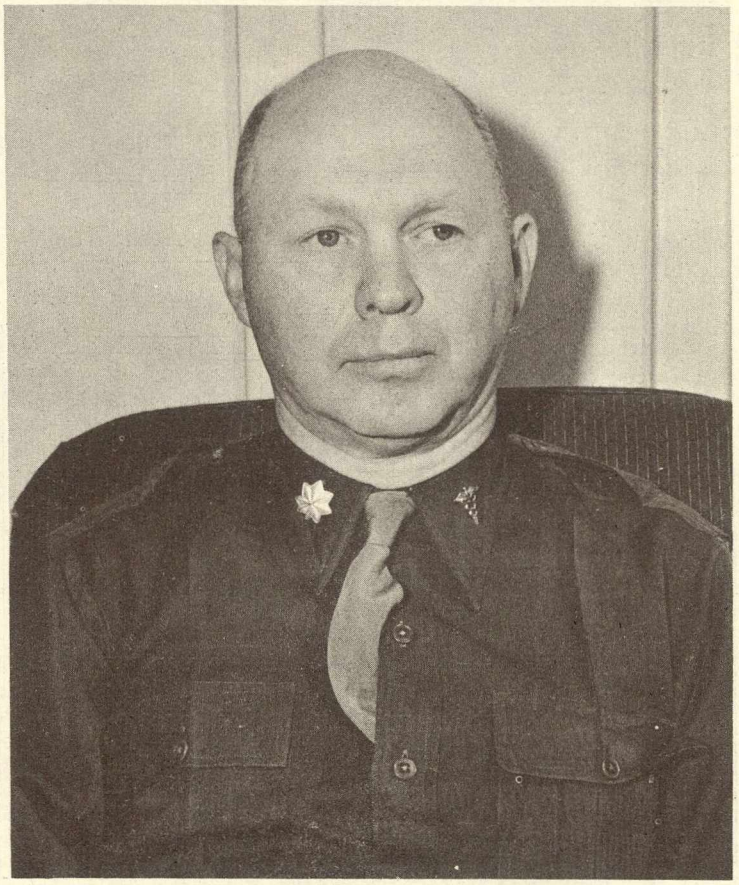
Main concentration of activities in the Bay Area will be at the Presidio of San Francisco, where an open house will feature a full day of special events from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Open house will also be held at Fort Mason and at Camp Stoneman.

A battalion from the Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Ord will furnish one of the highlights of the Presidio observance. A 200-man company from this unit will set up a model bivouac in front of the main headquarters building, and the entire battalion will pass in review in a ceremony on the main parade ground.

In the many exhibits to be featured ,the Army will display to the public the evidences of new unification of armed services projects, General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, said, adding that all efforts are being made to show the manner in which the U. S. Army is a part of the team for national security.

At the Presidio of San Francisco on Army Day, special information booths will be set up with personnel available for giving directions and information as to locations of exhibits and special ceremones. Army buses will transport the post visitors to the points of interest. Parking space will be available at Crissy Field.

All technical services of the Army are cooperating in planning the various exhibits. Plans have already been completed for exhibits by the Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, Transportation Corps and Corps of Engineers.



Colonel CHARLES E. McCUSKEY
President of the American Board of Anesthesiology, and former Lettermanite, who was a visitor here this week.

Anesthesiologists Meet in San Francisco

The California Society of Anesthesiologists held a three day convention this week in San Francisco with headquarters at the Mark Hopkins Hotel.

The president of the society is Colonel Charles F McCuskey, wartime Chief of Anesthesiology at Letterman, and at present a consultant in that specialty for McCornack General Hospital.

Other former Lettermanites attending the convention were Major John B. Dillon, who succeeded Col. McCuskey as anesthesia chief here, Major Gordon C. Langsdorf, Major John E. Cann, and Major Arthur E. Scott.

Colonel McCuskey and Major Dillon came out to Letterman on Monday morning to renew acquaintance with some of the old timers on our staff.

Letterman's Part In St. Patrick's Day Parade Here

Eight patients and four Army nurses from Letterman will represent the hospital in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade which will be held tomorrow here in San Francisco. Participants in the parade will assemble at the Ferry Building at 1 p. m., and the line of march will start up Market Street from that point at 2 p. m.

The Lettermanites will ride in four Army jeeps, with one nurse and two patients in eahc jeep. The members of the Army Nurse Corps who will be in the parade are First Lieut. Iraida E. Bjoko and Second Lieuts. Marie D. Gutkowski, Faye Hirschy and Jacquie D. Lane. Four of the eight patients are from ward 31: Sergeant Harvey A. Chelf, Private First Class Edward J. Roman, Private Jose Murietta and Recruit Benedict St. Peter. Four are from ward E-2: Corporal Joe Lee, Corporal George King, Private Eugene Tipton and Recruit Harry Gross.

The Armed Forces section of the parade will include entries from Headquarters Sixth Army as well as from various Army commands in the Bay Area and from the Fourth Air Force at Hamilton Field. The color guards will be massed at the head of the column, which will provide a 20-man color guard to lead the Armed Forces section.

Headquarters Sixth Army, San Francisco Port of Embarkation and the Fourth Air Force will have floats in the parade, and music will be provided by the 55-man Sixth Army Band and the 32-man Fourth Air Force Band. Sixth Army will have a marching platoon of 50 enlisted men, and Fourth Army an honor guard of 40 men. Fort Scott will also be represented, with two 90 mm. guns on mobile mounts with crews.

"Homelike" Is the Word for the Bay Area Guest House

"Mrs. Gibson, have you got a piece of string I could have, please?"

Mrs. Stella Gibson, manager of the Bay Area Exchange Guest House, paused on her way to answer the telephone to nod a smiling yes to nine-year-old Robin Miller's question. As soon as the telephone conversation was taken care of, she found the string for him.

Robin, who is staying at the guest house with his mother and older sister, is the son of Lieut. Col. Leroy B. Miller of Cando, North Dakota, who is a patient here on ward 42. The family recently returned from Korea, and they are stopping at the guest house so they can come to Letterman every day during visiting hours to be with Colonel Miller.

Robin wanted the piece of string so he could finish making a whip he could use in his imaginary role of driver of a stagecoach pulled by nine horses, he told Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Gibson's cheerful readiness to help the guests in all matters, whether trivial or serious, is one of the reasons she is known more as a housemother than as merely a manager.

The guest house, which is a Bay Area Exchange facility, is maintained primarily for the convenience of relatives of Letterman patients, and provides comfortable and reasonably-priced accommodations for those who come to San Francisco from out of town to visit the member of the family who is here for treatment. It may also be used by any military personnel of the Army if rooms are available. At least two rooms are customarily kept in reserve for emergency calls from Letterman.

The guest house is at 1545 Broadway, between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street, and the "D" streetcar, only half a block away, provides convenient and direct transportation to the Presidio. During the war, when Dante Hospital was an annex of Letterman, the building was used to house the nurses on duty at Dante, and some of the LGH physical therapists and dietitians also lived there. Last September the building was taken over by the Bay Area Exchange to be put to its present use. It has become increasingly popular in the intervening months, with registrations at present almost double those of the first weeks of operation.

Forty-five rooms are available, and the rate per day is $1.25, with a charge of 50 cents extra for each child. Guests with children are housed in first-floor rooms, in order to keep noise at a minimum. The rooms are pleasant and attractively furnished, with ample closet space, and all the beds have box springs for added comfort.



Mrs. STELLA GIBSON
Manager of the Bay Area Exchange Guest House.

There are two large cheerful living rooms for the use of the guests, and in these the families of patients gather after they return from visits to the hospital, and play cards, listen to the radio, or chat with their fellow guests. There is a friendly atmosphere at the guest house, and those who stay there become acquainted quickly and often go out to meals together.

Restaurants are only half a block away, banks and other stores are close by, and there are movie theatres within two blocks.

Among the conveniences provided for the guests are a laundromat, a place to hang clothes to dry, and an ironing board. Cribs and bassinets are available without extra charge, and mothers of infants may use Mrs. Gibson's kitchen to prepare their formula. There is even a coke machine in the building.

The front door is kept locked, and each guest is given a key. Registrations are accepted up to 10 p. m., and guests are asked to let the manager know by 2 p. m. the following day whether or not they will be checking out. Guests may stay as long as five days, and in most cases this is sufficient, but in special cases if rooms are available arrangements can be made so that accommodations are provided for longer periods. Occasionally out-of-town patients who have early-morning appointments at the hospital spend the previous night at the guest house.

Pay phones are available, and incoming messages for guests are posted on the bulletin board.

Mrs. Gibson has been in Post Exchange work for three years, and before coming to her present position with the guest house last September, was bookkeeper at the Fort Mason Post Exchange. She was happy to make the change to the new work. "I was tired of sitting at a desk all day," she says, "and although I do bookkeeping here, along with my other duties, I have lots of variety in my work now."

She was born in Dinuba, California, but has lived in San Francisco for the past 16 years. She knows the city very well, and takes pleasure in answering any and all requests for directions on how to find various places of interest in San Francisco. She takes a personal interest in making the guests feel at home, and sees that they meet one another in cases where there is a common interest. She has had so many thank-you letters from former guests who are now back at home or overseas in the Pacific area or in Europe that she is thinking of starting a scrapbook in which to keep them.

On her day off she likes to go for long drives in the country in her new car. Travel is one of her hobbies, and last summer before she came to the guest house as manager, she had a three-month vacation, which she spent in Los Angeles, Palm Springs, San Diego and Coronado.

The thing that pleases her most about her present work is that she can be at home when her daughter Jean, who is a student at City College, comes in the evening, and Mrs. Gibson can have her dinner ready for her. "I wasn't able to do that when I had an office job," she says.

McCormack Closing

The Secretary of the Army has issued orders calling for the deactivation of McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena, California, as of 30 June 1949. The hospital will admit no patients after March 15.

Care and treatment of military personnel and dependents in the Los Angeles area will be assumed by the Navy Hospital at Long Beach.

March of Dimes

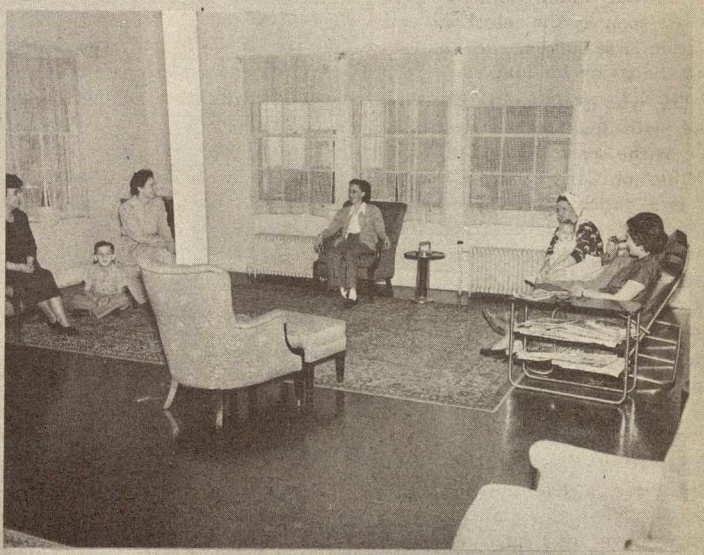
The recent March of Dimes campaign conducted in the Sixth Army Area resulted in donations amounting to $62,476.31 being collected for that worthy cause.

Major General Walter M. Robertson, commanding the Sixth Army in the absence of General Mark W. Clark, has written a letter of appreciation to all participants in the campaign commending them for the success of their efforts.

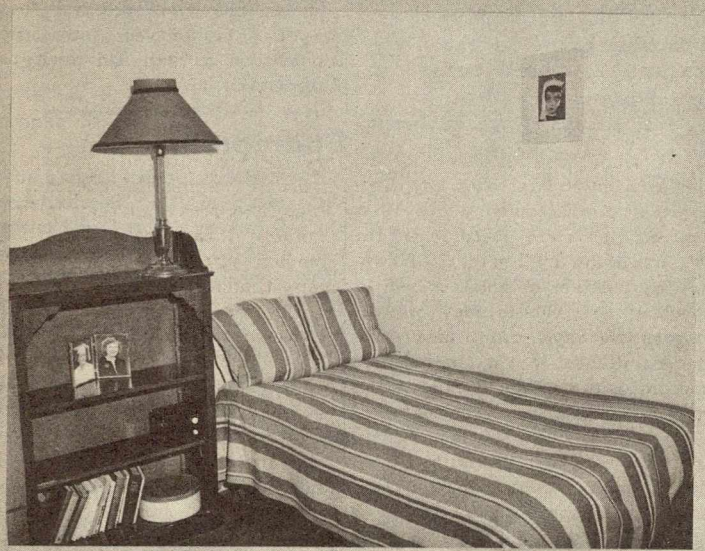
Camera Eye View of the Bay Area Exchange Guest House



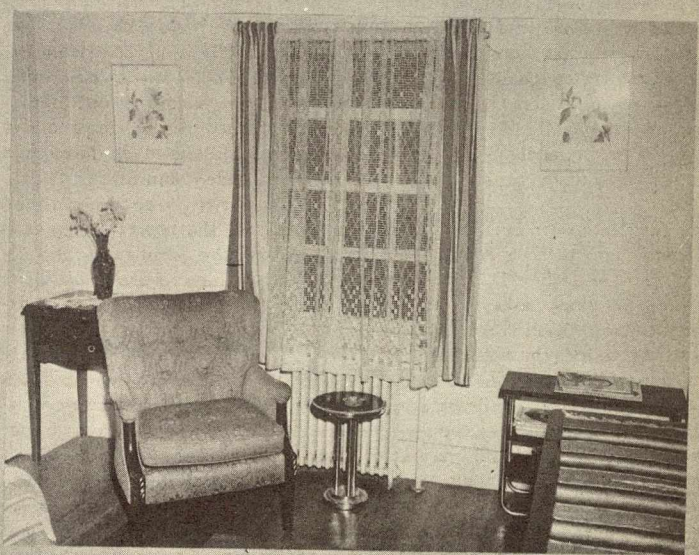
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ONE OF THE TWO SPACIOUS LIVING ROOMS



GUEST HOUSE SLEEPING COMFORT



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SAME BEDROOM

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COURTESY

"Something that costs nothing yet has the highest value in human relations" is how "courtesy" is defined by one of its foremost exponents in our midst.

No one will quarrel with that definition but many will come to the reluctant admission that we have been totally unaware of its value.

We are all familiar with the adage "A soft answer turneth away wrath" and that is courtesy in action. One finds it hard to find fault with courtesy in action.

Courtesy knows no level. It has a place in all strata of society; the illiterate and the scholar, the tiller in the fields and the white collar man in the office, all are better for the attribute of courtesy.

Man is a gregarious animal and in his lifelong association with fellow beings he who cultivates the virtue of courtesy is known as a gentleman and that sums up in one word what we all aspire to be.

The Golden Rule begins with courtesy and there is no better guide as we pass through earth's vale.

In our daily lives let us invest more heavily in courtesy. It is an investment involving no risk.

You can't lose.



Captain **Angela P. Poranski,** ANC, of Newark, N. J., is the newest addition to the ANC staff, having been assigned to duty status here this week. She was formerly at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington, but is not a newcomer to Letterman, having been a patient here until this week.

Two of the dietitians are enjoying visits from members of their family. First Lieut. **Elizabeth J. Stevenson's** parents and her sister are here from Las Vegas, and First Lieut. **Ida M. Farris** will have her mother, who is here from Oklahoma, as her guest for the next month.

Major **Lena Vanderwood,** ANC, said goodbye to her Letterman friends this week before leaving for Hawaii. She will be on duty at Tripler General Hospital, and has been enjoying a brief leave before going overseas. This will be her first trip to the islands, and she is very happy about her new assignment.

Lieut. Col. **Dora A. Noble,** ANC, who will shortly retire from the Army Nurse Corps, having completed 30 years of service, has just returned from overseas duty in Japan, and has been visiting friends here at Letterman. She was entertained here on her birthday, 12 March, at a dinner party held at the Nurses' Recreation Hall. Colonel Noble first came to duty with the ANC here at Letterman, and she served at Dante Annex during the war. After her retirement she will live in Salt Lake City.

Major **Alvine L. Schmidt,** ANC, who has been a patient for the past two months, returned to duty this week.

First Lieuts. **Marguerite Laetsch,** ANC, **Gloria Saffield,** ANC, and **Helen McCloskey,** ANC, and Miss **Elfrieda Am End,** civilian nurse, returned this week from a 15-day leave, a week of which they spent skiing at Sun Valley.

First Lieut. Margaret Fuller, ANC, was separated from the service this week and will return to her home in Rockford, Ill.

WAC

"Detachment of Travelers" would be an apt by-word for the WAC Detachment this week. A continuous stream of outgoing and incoming people has created an atmosphere of perpetual motion.

Three new WACs have been assigned to the company from basic training in Camp Lee, Virginia. Recruit **Harriet Klein** and Privates **Mary Morris** and **Mary Gray** are the most recent additions to the roster.

Master Sergeant **Opal Glenn** has returned from her leave in Texas in time to say good-bye to Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** who left on leave this week, headed in the general direction of Tucson, Arizona, accompanied by First Lieutenant **Frances Harllee.**

Nine WACs from Fort Ord were guests of the detachment for the duration of the volleyball tournament which was held at Letterman this past week. At this writing, only one set in the women's tournament has been played, with Fort Ord being defeated by the Presidio WACs in very close and exciting games.

Two more members have received word that they will be shipping out in the near future. Corporal **Fay Lavagnino** has been directed to Camp Stoneman for departure to the Pacific, and Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** is preparing for her trip to Camp Kilmer for a tour of duty in Europe.

The new bedspreads which have been issued to the WACs create a pleasant color scheme in the barracks with the various pastel shades of rose, blue, tan, green and slate blending together in harmony. Femininity, thy name is WAC.

Captain **Minnie Young** has recently returned to Letterman after participating in the State Bowling Tournament held at Long Beach.

Spring Changes

The Oliver "Beacon," the weekly publication for the patients and military personnel of Oliver General Hospital, has taken a spring tonic.

Result: The paper will **probably** appear as a magazine to be published on a semi-monthly or a monthly basis. It is contemplated the new issue will come out in April.

At least, that is what its editors say in a formal announcement.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 20, March, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Grandpappy

The Commanding General became a grandfather twice on 13 February when twin sons were born in the family of Lieut. Frank E. Cole at Minneapolis. The names given the infants are Charles Frank and Clifford Frank Cole.

The middle name "Frank" stems from the maiden name of the mother who was Nancy Frank Farris, the first name of her father the first name of the paternal grandfather, and the first name of the father.

Lieut. Cole, Air Force pilot, is at present a student in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

Champions

The basketball team playing under the colors of the Brooke Army Medical Center of Fort Sam Houston, last week captured the all-Army Championship at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by defeating the Fifth Regimental Combat team from the Far East Command by a score of 63-49.

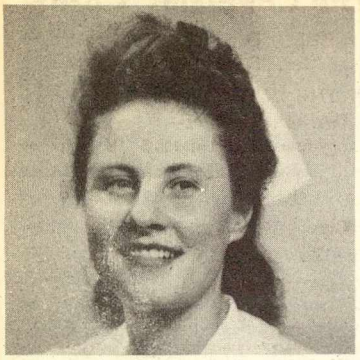
Camp Stoneman lost the consolation final game to Fort Jackson by a score of 51-45.

New School Head

Colonel Elbert DeCoursey, MC., for the past two years Chief of the Laboratory Service at Brooke General Hospital, this week assumed command of the Medical Department Research and Graduate School at the Army Medical Center in Washington.

The colonel is an outstanding authority on the effects of atomic radiation in biological and medical fields, and is a consultant of the Atomic Energy Commission in the division of biology and medicine.

DO YOU KNOW?



MARIE C. MEINHARDT, R.N.
Civilian Nurse

It isn't often that anyone comes to a movie screen test all unprepared, but that's the way it was with Miss Marie Meinhardt, civilian nurse on ward A-1. When some scenes were shot at Letterman recently for a forthcoming Hollywood production, "The Crooked Way," Marie was in the picture, though she didn't expect to be.

She was coming out of the PX with a group of patients and was asked to walk up and down the ramp with them while some long shots were taken. "They took us both coming and going," she says, and when the picture is released, Marie will be in the audience to see if she can find herself on the screen.

Marie has been a civilian nurse at Letterman since last October, and when people ask her when she's going to get into an Army uniform, she says she's still thinking it over. When she first came here she was on ward O-2, but has now been on A-1 for some time.

She was born in Gwinner, North Dakota, and took her nurse's training at Britton Hospital, Britton, South Dakota. After she became an R. N. she went to Minnesota, where she worked at St. John's Hospital, in St. Paul. In 1942 she came to the West Coast, worked in a doctor's office in Seattle and later in the office of an oral surgeon there. She spent a year on duty at Columbus Hospital, then in 1944 came to San Francisco, and did private nursing until she came to Letterman last year.

Marie, who is better known by her nickname of "Mickey," likes outdoor activities when she is off duty, particularly swimming. She also enjoys bowling, and watching fights and wrestling matches.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Letterman patients and duty personnel who have served as combat paratroopers are invited to join the newly-formed Combat Paratrooper Society, which will hold an organization meeting for charter members on Friday evening, 8 April. The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. at the Fox Hostess House, 2676 California street. Private **Donald H. Porter** of the O. T. photo lab here is chairman of the society, and those who wish to contact him to learn more about the organization may reach him at extension 2943 or, after duty hours, at TUxedo 5-0941.

Sergeant **Jose DeConter,** patient on ward E-2, has been in the Army since 1941, and was stationed at Moses Lake (Wash.) Air Base before coming here in January as a patient. His home is in Petaluma. Since he's been here he's begun learning to do leatherwork, and is now making a wallet which he intends as a gift for his brother.

First Lieut. **Zita Bradley,** ANC, who is a patient on ward O-1, arrived here last week from the station hospital at Fort Jay, N. Y. So far she says she hasn't seen anyone here that she knows, but hopes she'll find some familiar faces before long.

Sergeant **George King,** currently a patient on ward E-2, is from Roswell, New Mexico, but since his wife has been in Oakland since he came to the hospital more than a year ago, he's not far from home after all.

Mili Hendrix, Red Cross recreation worker, reports that a team of Letterman Chess Club members met the chess team from the Army YMCA last week and won by a score of 7 to 1. On the LGH team were Private **Bob Tipler,** ward 2; **Jim McGinnis,** veteran, ward N-2, and Sergeant **Joe Skinner,** ward 2.

'Tis a sad St. Patrick's Day that finds veteran **Donald O'Regan,** patient on ward E-2, languishing in the hospital and unable to observe his annual custom of marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade. It's the first St. Patrick's Day parade he's missed in years, he says. Three weeks ago, just as he was about to beign work on a new ranching job in San Joaquin county, he was injured in a fall, and last week he came here as a patient. But though he's laid low on the 17th of March, his spirits are high and he's right in there saying "Erin Go Bragh!"

Captain **Steven W. Hackett,** patient on ward D-2, is busy in the Occupational Therapy Shop making a kiddie kar as a surprise present for his four-year-old son.

Three recks of playing cards neatly laid out on the bedside table of veteran patient **Samuel Fales** on ward E-2 indicate his favorite way of passing the time while he's in the hospital. When you ask him his favorite game, he says he knows them all. His home is here in San Francisco, so he doesn't lack for company during visiting hours, but in between times he's always ready for a card game—name your favo - ite!

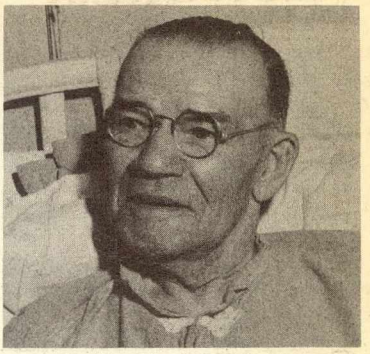
Leno Bertolotti, patient on ward E-2, is a Navy veterans, and an ex-midwesterner. He's from Valier, Illinois, but has lived in San Francisco since 1946. He was injured over a month ago and came to Letterman at that time for treatment. "I was just a defenseless pedestrian, and a car hit me," he says. He's looking forward to the time when he'll be up and about again and able to return to his job at the Sunshine Furniture Company.

Herman Goff, veteran patient on ward E-2, is keeping his fingers crossed in the hope that he won't need another operation which might keep him here six months longer. He's been told he may not need another, so he's hoping for the best. He was all ready for the "wearin' of the green" on St. Patrick's Day. 'Way last week his wife Dorothy, here from Palo Alto to see him, brought him a Kelly green top hat decorated with a clay pipe, and it turned out to be a hat full of green candy.

Bowling parties are currently being held every Friday evening at the Letterman Bowling Alley, and those interested in joining the group may meet at the Army YMCA at 7:15. Alleys are reserved in advance by "Y" personnel.

Private First Class **Ralph C. Nordmark,** patient on ward M-2, has taken up oil painting. He recently read Winston Churchill's life story.

ON THE SPOT



MAX C. ZASTROW
Patient, Ward N-2

Max C. Zastrow, who came to Letterman as a patient two weeks ago, found himself on familiar ground here, but the ground was all that was familiar. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and when he came to the Presidio to enlist in 1898 he joined the 4th Cavalry Regiment, and their drill ground was then where Letterman's buildings now stand.

Now, 51 years later, Mr. Zastrow likes to mention casually that he used to be on horseback on the very spot where he lies restfully in bed.

He was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1889 as a young man, spending the first months of his life here with relatives in Kansas. Shortly after his arrival he attempted to join the 6th Cavalry, but was refused because he didn't know sufficient English. "I knew only German, French, Latin and Greek," he says, "so—I had to wait awhile."

In Kansas City, Mo., he went to work for the owner of a big pickle works, lived in his home and learned English from him. Next he spent some time in Denver, worked as a cowpuncher in Arizona, mined placer gold in that state, lived in San Diego and Los Angeles, then in 1894 came to San Francisco, "and this has been my home ever since," he says.

During the Spanish-American War he served in the Philippines, and he says he is the only veteran of that war who was awarded the Silver Star medal. Mr. Zastrow is 79, "but I guess I don't look it," he remarks. "People tell me they don't believe it." He says he hardly believes it himself.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Thomas Poole of Grounds and Maintenance is currently enjoying a vacation in New York and his native state, New Jersey.

Mildred Callahan of Medical Supply recently returned from a vacation of five weeks spent in Washington visiting various places. Mildred and her husband enjoyed the sights of Seattle, Everett, Fort Worden and Fort Lewis.

George Perry has transferred from the Letterman Post Office to the Presidio Post Office. George will be missed by his many friends at Letterman and we hope he will take advantage of the short distance to visit with us as often as possible.

Madeleine Rose of the Chaplain's office is spending a week in the snow country learning to master the art of skiing.

We regret to hear that **Jerry Ivory** of the Letterman Post Exchange is a patient at Letterman and hope that her stay in the hospital will be a brief one.

Marshall Douglas of the Photo Laboratory returned this week from a vacation that took him into Mexico as far as Mexico City and Acapulco. During the months leave Marshall found time to do a lot of swimming and sight-seeing and he made good use of the camera he took along on the trip.

Elizabeth Bringman of Medical Supply is planning a birthday party for her daughter, Chrissie, who will be two years old in April. She is thinking of making it a "doll party," whereby all the little guests bring their dolls to the party and bring presents for the doll, instead of the hostess.

Mrs. **Helen Hoffman,** former Lettermanite, was the guest of honor last Saturday at a stork shower given by **Harriet Baken** of Information and Education and **Alice Torgerson** of Finance office. Lettermanites among the guests were **Hazel Nelson, Ruth Staley, Hannan Goldberg, Betty Ann Strunk** and **Mary McFadden.**

"Pappy, ain't you gonna shoot that city slicker who didn't do right by me yestiddy?"

"Shore, daughter—but don't be in such a tarnation hurry—first, gimme a chance to shoot the feller who didn't do right by you day before yestiddy."

SHE CELEBRATED HER SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY AT LGH THIS WEEK



Mrs. ZITA KELLY
G.I. Insurance and Savings Bonds are her business.

Thought she's not the owner of an Irish brogue, Mrs. Zita Kelly is the owner of a name that entitles her to use one, and she has a mighty reasonable facsimile of one when she gives you her favorite greeting—"The top o' the mornin' to you." Naturally this week, with St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, she was also wearing of the green. She had something else to celebrate this week, too; the seventh anniversary of her arrival at Letterman, which occurred on 16 March 1942.

Mrs. Kelly is in the Insurance and U. S. Savings Bond office of Military Personnel Branch, and in 1946 she received a Distinguished Service Citation form the Treasury Department for outstanding work during the war bond drives held at LGH. Patients and duty personnel here call her "Mrs. K," and they know they can rely on her whenever they need help with insurance problems. She gets letters and Christmas cards from many an ex-Lettermanite who remembers her helpfulness, and last Christmas the postman said her address should at least be a sub-postoffice, due to the volume of holiday mail.

She says life started for her when she was born in Saginaw, Mich., and that she's been "living every minute since." Her father was in the newspaper business, and she wrote a society column for his paper, then became society reporter on the Flint (Mich.) Daily Journal. When World War I was declared she went to Washington, D. C., as a civilian employee of the Ordnance Department, then after the armistice returned to her job on the Journal. Shortly afterwards she became Mrs. Joseph Kelly, and went to live in Albany, N. Y., for the next seven years. In 1925 the Kellys came to California and built a home in Piedmont, where they lived until the death of Mrs. Kelly's husband 12 years ago.

She has a son, Jack, who served as an officer in the Army during World War II, and two daughters of high school age, Mary Martha and Jo Ann. Jack is married and lives at Tule Lake, and Mrs. Kelly says her frequent visits to his home are her main recreation.

The day after Pearl Harbor, she began work at Fort Mason, Transportation Office, then in 1945 came to her present assignment.

She likes to sew and is an expert at it, making most of her own and her daughters' clothes. Besides this she finds time for child welfare work with the Marina Branch of the American Legion Auxiliary. It's easy to see what she means when she says she's been "living every minute."

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Private First Class **Allen S. Stanley,** who recently became a father, is taking a 14-day leave to get better acquainted with his new daughter.

CWO **Edward L. Arlen** is now in the process of moving to his new home, and he has our sympathy—we know what a distasteful job moving can be.

Captain **Russell Hey** left Letterman last Sunday for his new duty station in the European Command.

Private First Class **James C. Phelps** is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy born last week at Letterman, and is receiving congratulations on the addition to the family.

Looks like Corporal **William H. Jordan** is getting up in the world. He is now the owner of a Packard, vintage of 1932. When he goes riding he has to take his crew along to push "Josephine" in case she goes dead en route.

Corporal **Ruby M. James, Jr.,** has that dreamy look in his eyes again. Reason: He'll be spending ten days in Los Angeles with his fiancee.

The Hospital Train Section men are kept busy these days taking trips. During the past week Pfc. **Luther L. Lipsett** went to San Bernardino; Sgt. **James J. Peyton** went to Massachusetts; Cpl. **James H. McElreath** and Cpl. **Reginald D. Johnson** took a short trip to Grass Valley; Cpl. **Fred E. Farris,** Pfc. **Angel Gonzales** and Pfc. **Pablo B. Zavala** went to Kansas; Sgt. **Albert S. Mills** went to Los Angeles.

Due to depart for Little Rock, Arkansas, some time this week are Master Sergeant **George T. Washburn** and Cpl. **James H. McElreath.**

The new rage around the HTS seems to be a contest as to "who can grow the best mustache." Competitors so far are Corporal **Donald Chah,** Corporal **Gerald J. Dean** and Private First Class **Russell K. Coffey.**

MEDICAL DETACH

Three Lettermanites who recently completed the X-ray technicians' course at Brooke Army Medical Center have now been assigned to duty in the X-ray Laboratory here. They are Corporal **Myron Coleman,** formerly of ward F-1; Private First Class **Arthur McBrayer,** formerly of the Sergeant Major's office, and Private First Class **Charles Bright,** who recently re-enlisted.

Private First Class **Charlie Weisler** of Separation Section recently returned from furlough, and states that he finds his assignment very convenient because he will soon be able to type up his own discharge.

Corporal **Tom Nilon** of the Recreation Center was asked if he would like to sing over the radio. Said Tom: "But how am I going to sing when I can't even t-t-t-talk?" (Of course he has trouble with his speechability only when he gets super-excited.)

Sergeant First Class **John Mallon** of ward K-1 may be seen any day of the week doing what he calls his "exercise." He goes into a combination pretzel which is supposed to strengthen his neck muscles, but we know better—it's realy to break your back in two easy lessons!

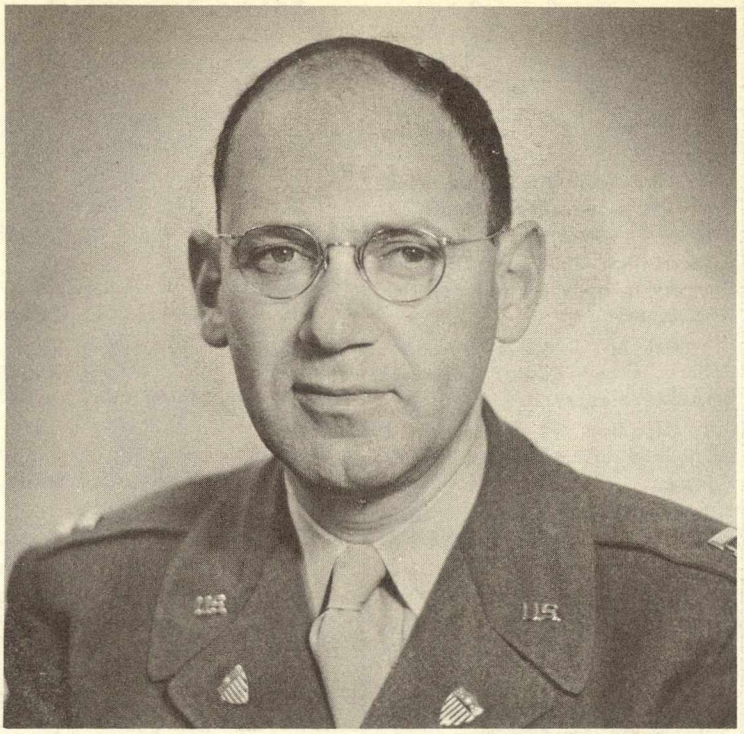
Private **Willie Fulmore** of Custodial Service is one of the ambitious fellows responsible for the neat and clean appearance of the grounds around the Administration Building. How's about helping Willie and his co-workers by making a point of throwing old dead cigarettes and used matches in the trash cans provided for such debris?

Private **Hank Lopez** of the Message Center is the official distributor of the Detachment mail, and this at times seems to be something of a headache to him. "I should have been a minister, that's what my father wanted," he frequently exclaims.

Private First Class **James Faucett** is the proud owner of a 1949 Pontiac convertible. Says he bought it with a "few old pennies" he found lying around in his footlocker!

A first sergeant may not know how to win friends, but he sure knows how to influence people.

HE'S CHANGING FROM DISCIPLINARY WORK TO PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK



Captain GEORGE S. LAVENSON, AGD
Studying military psychiatric social work here.

Captain George S. Lavenson, who is now in the Adjutant General's Department, is at present at Letterman on temporary duty in the course of preparing himself for a Medical Department assignment as military psychiatric social worker. Captain Lavenson became interested in this type of work while he was adjutant at the Branch U. S. Disciplinary Barracks at Camp Cooke, California, and applied for training under the Surgeon General's psychiatric social work program.

Under this plan selected officers and enlisted men are trained in a special and intensive course offered by the Army, and receive 20 weeks of training in the fundamentals of military psychiatric social work. Captain Lavenson has completed the 12-week academic training course, which is given at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was assigned to Letterman last month for eight weeks of on-the-job training. Next month, uopn completion of this phase of his new training, he will be assigned to Medical Service Corps in his new capacity. He does not know as yet where his assignment will be.

Captain Lavenson is on familiar ground in the Bay Area, since he was born in Piedmont, and is a graduate of the University of California, where he majored in Econmics. After receiving his degree in 1928 he worked in merchandising until he entered the Army in October 1942. He held a Reserve commission in the Infantry and was first assigned to duty at the reception center at Fort MacArthur, where he remained for a year and a half. He was in charge of Italian Service Units at Pine Camp and Camp Shanks, N. Y., until the fall of 1945, when he took an ISU general staff and headquarters detachment back to Italy for repatriation. After a brief stay in Naples, he went to Marseilles and came back to the U. S. by ship. He was again assigned to Fort MacArthur, this time as company commander.

His next duty assignment was at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Missoula, Mont., where he served as adjutant for six months, until the barracks was deactivated. In November 1946 he went to Camp Cooke, where he is presently assigned, assisted in its activation and served as adjutant until he began his present course of training.

Captain Lavenson's wife Rosalind and their two children, George, 17, and Jean, 14, make their home in Lompoc, near Camp Cooke, and will remain there until he receives word of his new duty station. Meanwhile he commutes to spend every other weekend with them.

Congress Has Bill For Uniform Code Of Military Laws

Washington (AFPS) — A proposed law to establish the first uniform courts-martial proceedings for all Services in this country's history was presented to Congress recently by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal, when he appeared as a witness before the House Armed Services Committee.

The proposed bill goes as far as possible, Mr. Forrestal reported, to promote justice within the necessary framework of military discipline. At the same time, it wipes out every difference between what had been three systems of military justice, the codes of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

The bill was drafted by a committee of civilian legal experts.

In pointing up the significance of the bill, Secretary Forrestal said: "The point of proper accommodation between the meting out of justice and the performance of military operations — which involves not only the fighting but the winning of wars—is one which no one has discovered. I don't know of any expert on the subject, military or civilian, who can be said to have the proper solution. Suffice it to say, we are striving for maximum military performance and maximum justice. I believe the proposed code is the nearest approach to these ideals."

Navy Airlift Men Get Medal, Clasp

Washington (AFPS) — Navy and Marine Corps personnel assigned to the Berlin airlift may now wear the Navy Occupation Service Medal and the Berlin Airlift Clasp in recognition of such service, Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan has announced.

The Navy Secretary also authorized such personnel to accept the Air Medal and Commendation Ribbon when awarded by the Commanding General of the U.S. Air Force in Europe.

The airlift clasp will be awarded to all Navy and Marine personnel who serve 90 consecutive days or longer, assigned or attached to a unit supporting the airlift.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

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Army enlisted men transferred to the Air Force may re-enlist once in either Service without losing re-enlistment pay, according to a Comptroller's ruling. Any future enlistment, however, must be in the Service from which separated, or no allowance will be payable.

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Secretary Forrestal has directed the Medical Advisory Committee to begin studies toward establishing a consolidated Medical Department for all the Armed Services.

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Army personnel due for retirement may be promoted without regard for position vacancy, if otherwise qualified. Authority is contained in Circular 202, 1948.

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The Army has ruled that personnel who failed the Officer Educational Qualification Test may take it again after a period of six months. Upon passage of the second test, if otherwise eligible, the individual may re-apply for competitive tour.

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The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that military personnel may not be tried for offenses committed in a previous enlistment, with certain limited exceptions. The decision will have an important effect on the administration of military justice.

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"Report to the Army," a twice-monthly news-letter the Army has developed to announce and explain policies to its personnel, particularly non-Regulars, will go on a world-wide distribution basis about April 1.

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The second edition of "Officers' Call," published as part of the Army's officers' information program, deals with "Problems of the Army." The subject to follow will be "Mission of the Army."

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Air Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, has approved Regulations establishing a formal Air Force policy for scientific research and development. Basic objective of the policy is "fundamental investigation of all activities where the discovery of applications of interest to the Air Force may be expected."

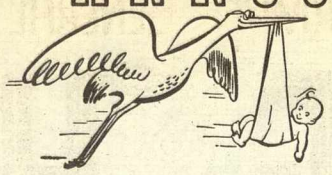
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Plans for doubling the Alaskan garrison are being considered in connection with troop disposition problems covering the next 18 months.

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Initial construction phases for the proposed Armed Forces guided missile proving ground would require three years, according to experts.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Manch Nero, Jr., a boy, **David Manch, III,** born 24 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn D. Duckworth, a boy, **Glenn Peter,** born 24 February.

To Sgt. 1st/cl. and Mrs. Frank C. Roberts, a boy, **Edward Lacunious,** born 24 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. James H. Powell, a boy, **Robert Charles,** born 24 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Myron T. Hess, a boy, **Thomas Peter,** born 24 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Maves J. Lyons, a boy, **Bruce John,** born 25 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Philip E. Pursglove, a girl, **Claudia Ann,** born 25 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle B. Sowers, a boy, **David Charles,** born 26 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Merel V. Loebig, a girl, **Victoria Kay,** born 26 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald V. McHugh, a girl, **Jennie Joan,** born 27 February.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray J. Klassen, a boy, **Robert William,** born 27 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert R. Silvira, a girl, **Zeona Leimoni,** born 27 February.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick W. Edwards, Sr., a boy, **Frederick William,** born 27 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Maynard O. Modeen a girl, **Susan Gail,** born 27 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry F. Bowling, a boy, **Johnny Lamar,** born 27 February.

To Sgt. 1/cl. and Mrs. Loren C. Cook, a boy, **Charles Anthony,** born 27 February.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. John W. Guerin, a boy, **Charles Allan,** born 27 February.

To Capt. and Mrs. Curtis Kekoa, Sr., a boy, **Curtis,** born 28 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John H. Painter, a girl, **Mavis Germaine,** born 28 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Elton R. Gratwohl, a girl, **Rita Charlene,** born 28 February.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Melbourne Kimsey, Sr., a boy, **Melbourne, Jr.,** born 28 February.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Hoyle L. Mann, a girl, **Marilyn Kay,** born 28 February.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Joy, a boy, **Robin Lee,** born 1 March.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Coffeen, a boy, **John Carl,** born 2 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene F. White, a girl, **Kathy Ann,** born 2 March.

To Capt. and Mrs. Haskell D. Coffey, a girl, **Darlene,** born 2 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Arthur R. Williams, a girl, **Catherine Lee,** born 2 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Leon Slavitt, a girl, **Diana Rae,** born 3 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. James C. Phelps, a boy, **James C. Phelps, Jr.,** born 3 March.

To CWO and Mrs. Anthony Akromas, a girl, **Mary Anne,** born 5 March.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Roy Henry Powers, a girl, **Jean McNear,** born 5 March.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James H. Myers, a boy, **James Henry, Jr.,** born 3 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Merele Van Goff, a girl, **Connie Joan,** born 5 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene Avants, twin girls, **Maria Elizabeth** and **Margarita Katharina,** born 6 March.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John E. Hamer, a boy, **Timothy Jay,** born 6 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Wilkerson, a boy, **Gregory Leland,** born 7 March.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Gerald F. Cottrell, a boy, **Kenneth Roger,** born 7 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Allen C. Stanley, a girl, **Charlene Ann,** born 7 March.

To Col. and Mrs. Harold A. Brusher, a boy, **William Frederick,** born 7 March.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William E. Wallace, a girl, **Mary Kathleen,** born 8 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph P. Toner, a boy, **Michael Frederick,** born 8 March.

Answering the Veterans Queries

More than 446,500 World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian islands have National Service Life Insurance in force, the Veterans Administration reports.

VA said more than 111,000 of these veterans with active insurance policies have converted to a permanent plan of G-I insurance. The remaining 335,000 have retained the same G-I term insurance they carried in the service.

VA officials report that each month several thousand veterans are reinstating lapsed National Service Insurance. Information regarding reinstatement of insurance may be obtained at the nearest VA office.

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Question: My husband, a World War II veteran, holds a bad conduct discharge. Is he entitled to benefits under the GI Bill?

Answer: Since your husband holds neither an honorable nor a dishonrable dicharge from the armed services, it will be necessary for him to ask his nearest VA office for a decision as to whether he was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. He also may apply to the Army or Navy for revision of discharge.

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Question: Is there any time limit to the duration of a business loan?

Answer: Yes. A non-real estate business loan must be repaid in 10 years or less; real estate loans may run up to 25 years.

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Question: Am I eligible for a GI loan to buy a share in a going business in another city?

Answer: You are eligible if you devote your personal labor or supervise the business either on a full-time or part-time basis.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis R. Hall, a boy, **Dennis Donovan,** born 9 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald E. Morris, a girl, **Darlene Joy,** born 9 March.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Nathan B. Tracy, a girl, **Linda Dianne,** born 9 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John C. Hassell, Jr., a boy, **Daniel A.,** born 9 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Roy S. Engom, a boy, **Richard John,** born 9 March.

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Secretary Makes New Appeal to ASTP Beneficiaries

(AFPS)—Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal has appealed to 8,000 young doctors and dentists to take commissions for active duty in the Armed Forces. Mr. Forrestal's urgent appeal went to men who completed their professional educations at Government expense under wartime training programs.

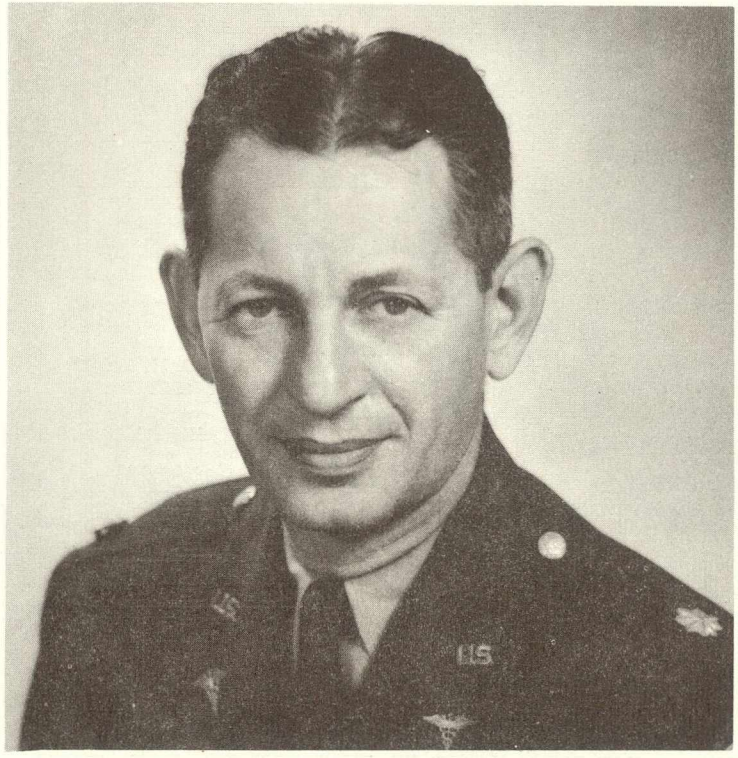
The Defense Secretary stated that the Services "face a very grave medical problem," which he said, was "so acute that our entire national defense program may be severely handicapped."

The shortage of physicians and dentists will be made more acute in July, Mr. Forrestal said, when 2,760 medical men would complete their tours of active duty. The reduction will reach approximately 3,600 by the end of the year.

In the meantime, Maj. General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General of the Army, announced the proposed streamlining of wartime military hospitals in overseas theaters, to effect greater economy in the use of personnel in scarce professional categories.

The situation at Letterman will be acute this summer unless volunteers accept a call to service to replace seventeen medical officers who will complete their categories. 15 out of 22 medical internes have indicated their intention to apply for continued residency training.

The former ASTP group, educated in whole or in part at government expense, are not obligated at the present time to give any service in return, but it has been intimated that failure of an adequate number to volunteer for active duty may result in the Congress being asked to enact legislation calling ASTP beneficiaries to duty.



Lieut. Colonel JACK W. SCHWARTZ, MC
Chief of Urology and assistant Chief of Surgical Service who was selected last week for promotion to permanent rank of Colonel, Medical Corps.

Selected for Promotion to Colonel

Lieut. Col. Jack W. Schwartz, MC, assistant chief of Surgical Service and Chief of Urology Section, received word this week of his selection for promotion to the permanent grade of Colonel.

Colonel Schwartz, who was born in Fort Worth, Texas, has been in the Army for 21 years, and interned at Fitzsimons General Hospital shortly after he received his M. D. from the University of Texas in 1928. When World War II began he was at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila, and later, when he was chief of Surgical Service at Bataan General Hospital No. 2, he was taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was a prisoner of war from 9 April 1942 until 9 September 1945, and during that time was at Cabanatuan, in Japan and in Korea.

He has the Legion of Merit for his work in the prison camps, and the Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding accomplishments in Manila and at Bataan. He has the Purple Heart for injuries received during a bombing raid while he was in prison.

Colonel Schwartz is a diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

On the same list were the names of Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, MC, Chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric Service, and Colonel Wendell A. Weller, MC, Chief of the Otorhinolaryngology Section.

General Officer Selection Board Convenes This Week

The Department of the Army announced this week that a selection board will convene in Washington to make recommendation for promotions to permanent and temporary grades of Major General and Brigadier General, Medical Corps, and to permanent Major General, Dental Corps.

The Adjutant General will submit to the selection board for consideration for permanent Major General, Medical Corps, Regular Army, the names of all present Brigadier General, Medical Corps, Regular.

For promotion to permanent Brigadier General, Medical Corps, Regular Army, the names of all colonels, MC., RA., who will have completed one year of service in permanent grade of colonel on 30 June 1949.

For promotion to permanent Major General, DC., RA., the names of all permanent Brigadier General, DC., RA.

For promotion to temporary Major General, the names of all Medical Corps officers, Regular and non-Regular, serving on extended active duty in grade of Brigadier General.

For promotion to temporary Brigadier General, Medical Corps, the names of all permanent colonels, MC., RA., who will have completed one year of service on permanent grade of colonel on 30 June 1949, and all non-Regular Army Medical Corps officers serving on extended active duty in grade of colonel.

Letterman Points With Pride to Its Medical Library

The maintenance of an adequate medical library is important in any hospital, but in a teaching hospital such as Letterman, where residents and internes make extensive use of the library for research and study, it is of prime importance. Letterman's Medical Library is one of which the professional staff is justly proud, both because of its collection of books and medical journals and for its physical equipment.

In recent weeks the library has been sound-proofed to deaden noises in the library itself from the hall outside, and fluorescent lights have been installed which provide ideal illumination for reading. Last year when the medical library, which was formerly housed in a corner of the recreational library, was moved across the hall to its present location in the solarium, it was fully equipped with modern library furniture, the first of its type to be installed on the West Coast.

At present the library's collection of medical books numbers over 2600, and additions are constantly being made to keep it as completely current as possible. The library receives about 150 medical journals by purchase, and a large number of gift subscriptions brings the number of journals received to nearly 200. Over 3000 bound volumes of these journals are available for reference.

Letterman is fortunate in being able to supplement its own collection by borowing medical books and journals from two university medical libraries. Both Lane Medical Library (the library of Stanford University Medical School) and the University of California Medical Center Library are most cooperative about loaning books on request from Letterman. Urgent requests are filled in one or two hours after they are received. They are called for and brought to the hospital by a messenger from Special Services, and may be kept here for two weeks unless they are in great demand, in which cases they are charged out to us for a one-week period. This valuable cooperation with the university libraires is much appreciated by the staff here.

Material for use here is also obtained from the Army Medical Library in Washington, D. C., which furnishes photostats or microfilms of books or articles requested. These copies are then added to the collection here for permanent use.

Though primarily for the use of Medical Corps officers and nurses, the library may also be used by Medical Service Corps and Womens' Medical Service Corps officers. Enlisted personnel such as technicians and ward attendants, upon obtaining special permission from their officers, may use the books for study in the medical library but may not borrow them.

New books are purchased and sent to the hospital by the Office of The Surgeon General. These come all through the year, as they are published. There is also available a local allotment from The Surgeon General's office with which to purchase books on local request. The chief librarian and the chiefs of the services meet quarterly to determine what shall be bought from this allotment. In preparation for this meeting the medical librarians read reviews of new books in the current journals, list the criticisms briefly for ready reference, and include information as to publisher and price. Last year 356 new books were added to the collection by means of SGO distribution and local purchase.

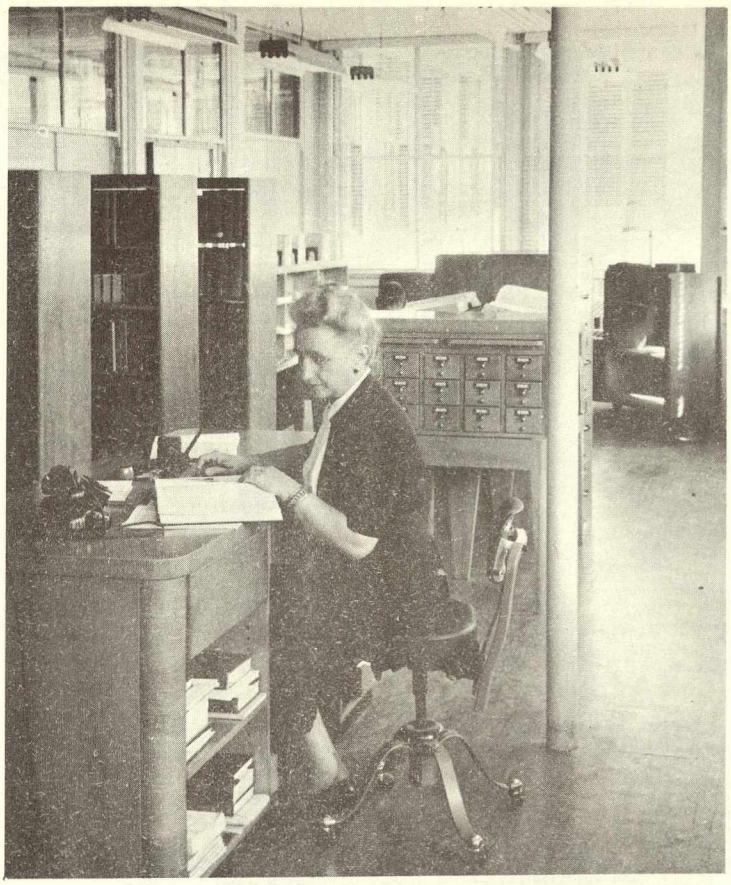
Since indexes for the articles in medical journals are usually slow in arriving, the medical librarians compile a subject file of current articles of interest so that these may be found readily upon request. In addition to this they also notify members of the professional staff about particular articles which might be of interest to them. A check list is maintained of articles published in medical journals by members of the Letterman staff.

The medical librarians translate articles from foreign-language journals and also prepare abstracts of such articles for members of the professional staff. Mrs. Hilda Allen, head medical librarian, translates French and German as well as Scandanavian, and her assistant, Mrs. Helen Stephens, trnslates French and Spanish. Mrs. Allen recently translated and abstracted a 57-page article from German, and although the work was done while she had the usual desk-work interruptions, she completed it in only four hours.

The medical library is actually open 78 hours a week, but is available for use 24 hours a day, since the key is left at the Information Office when the librarians are not on duty. Regular hours are from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Allen came to Letterman in January 1947 as the first full-time medical librarian here. She has an excellent background for her work, having been a dentist in Germany before she came to the United States in 1938. She studied dentistry in Berlin. She was on the staff of the Lane Medical Library here in San Francisco for a number of years before coming to Letterman.

Her assistant, Mrs. Stephens, who is a native of Wilkes-Bare, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Wellesley College, and is also an experienced librarian. Her experience includes work in the library of the Metropolitan Art Museum and in the library of the designer, Norman Bel-Geddes, in New York. She has been at Letterman since last July.



IN THE MEDICAL LIBRARY
Mrs. Hilda Allen, Letterman's medical librarian, at work at her desk on the translation of an article from a German medical journal.

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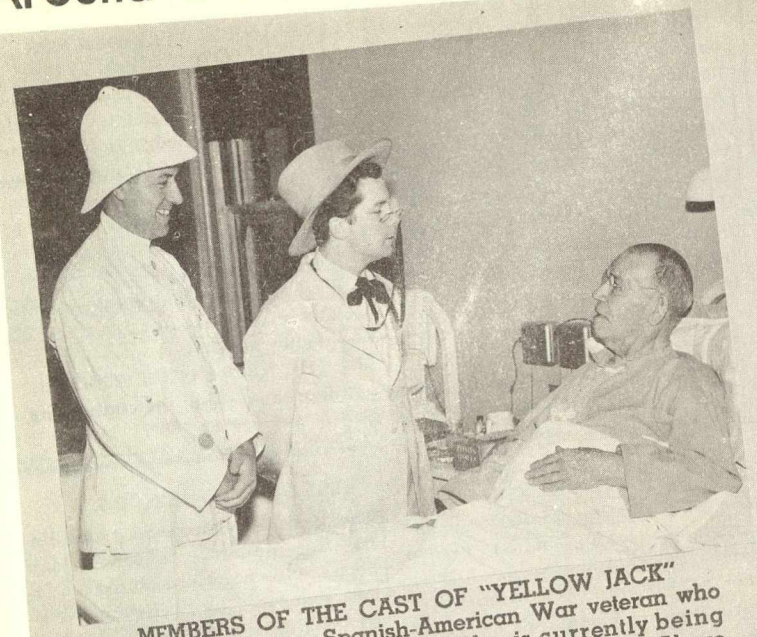
Commemorating Jewish Classical Music month a committee from the San Francisco Lodge No. 21, Bnai Brith, presented to the Commanding General seven albums of Jewish Classical recordings at a ceremony held in his office on Wednesday morning.

Speaking for Bnai Brith, Mr. Max F. Robinson, co-chairman of the Veterans Rehabilitation Committee of the lodge, made the presentation and General Cole thanked the lodge for the interest displayed in our patients not only of the Jewish faith but of all faiths.

Present for the occasion were Mr. Meyer Licht, Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, Mr. Sam Tovar, co-chairman, and Mr. Nate Cutler. Representing the Jewish Welfare Board were Rabbi William Z. Dalin, and Mr. Shea Schwartz, Area Supervisor for the JWB.

In addition to the recordings the group presented nine volumes to the hospital library, as well as a supply of cigarettes, candy, and playing cards.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



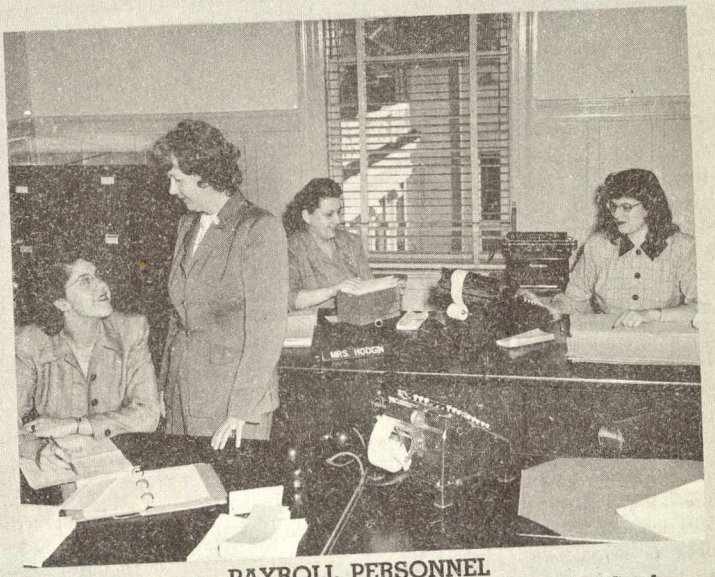
MEMBERS OF THE CAST OF "YELLOW JACK" Visit Max C. Zastrow, Spanish-American War veteran who is now a Letterman patient. The play is currently being staged by students at San Francisco State College. Above are (L to R) Richard Berger, who plays the role of Dr. Jesse W. Lazear, and Stanley Dorfer, who is cast as Major Walter Reed.



PRESENTS VOLLEYBALL TROPHIES
Col. James B. Stapleton, Executive Officer, presents the first place trophy won in last week's tournament here to Corporal Mary B. Carroll, captain of the Presidio Women's Volleyball Team. Each member of the team received one of the smaller trophies shown on the table.



FLORENCE DESMOND
headliner at the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room, sang last week at the Recreation Hall show, and was accompanied by Ernie Heckscher's band.



PAYROLL PERSONNEL
They are responsible for getting out those welcome checks for civilian employees every two weeks. L to R: Pearl Robillard, Helen Lund (who is in charge of the section), Evelynne Hodgin, Joan Gottschalk.

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EDITORIAL

"IF HE WILL LEARN"

"Every failure teaches a man something if he will learn." These words of Charles Dickens' are worth thinking about, though failure is a word we like to forget in its application to ourselves. Still, no one goes through life without some failures, and it is far better to face them frankly and to try to derive some benefit from the analysis of our shortcomings.

We may fail in doing an appointed task, or in the successful conduct of our human relationships with others. With some of us there is a tendency to try to conceal, even from ourselves, the cause and sometimes the very fact of failure. Or if we do acknowledge it, we try to justify it by pretending to ourselves that it was caused by something beyond our control. Sometimes this is true; more often we do fall short of our own capabilities.

But if we face up to the qualities in ourselves which disappoint us, try to assess our failures honestly, and determine to overcome the weaknesses which have caused them, we can, if we will, find new strength to accomplish our purposes.



Major **Anne K. Pilegard,** ANC, who will retire from the Army Nurse Corps the end of this month, was entertained Sunday in the Nurses' Recreation Hall at a farewell party gven in her honor. Her farewell gift from her friends here was a handsome silver coffee service. The room was decorated for the occasion with masses of spring flowers. Major Pilegard is leaving shortly for a trip to Europe, and the centerpiece on the refreshment table was the good ship "SS Pilegard," with a tiny picture of Major Pilegard looking out from one of the portholes.

First Lieut. **Edith A. Hill,** WMSC, received word this week that she will shortly be assigned to duty at Brooke Army Medical Center. One of her duties there will be to assist in the training of student dietitians.

First Lieut. **Mary I. O'Donnell,** ANC, was relieved from active duty this week. She plans to remain in San Francisco for the present.

Major **Mary M. Steppan,** ANC, who has been assigned to Letterman for the past year but has been here only briefly what with temporary duty assignments elsewhere, has now been transferred but won't be going far, since her new duty station is Sixth Army.

Two newcomers were welcomed to the ANC staff this week. Captain **Hallie E. Hoover, ANC,** who has been a patient here since her return from overseas duty with the 455th Station Hospital in Japan, is now assigned here. Captain **Eugenia L. Holzknecht,** ANC, who arrived from Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, is replacing Captain **Jeaninne H. Peterson,** ANC, as charge nurse on the N-P Service. Captain Peterson left this week for duty at Brooke.

Captain **Vida Buehler,** WMSC, chief of Physical Therapy, and First Lieut. **Ruth Wall,** WMSC, both enjoyed three-day passes last week. Captain Buehler visited friends in Los Angeles, and Lieut. Wall went home to Utah.

WAC

The WAC Detachment is slowly, but apparently steadily, increasing its membership by getting WACs from Camp Lee, Virginia. Three more, almost brand-new, privates reported for assignment over the week-end. Privates **Mary Ann Dunthy, Marjorie Hurst** and **Elizabeth Darrock** have completed basic training and clerk-typist school in Camp Lee, Virginia.

Sergeant **Elsie "Pete" McClellan** was hospitalized on St. Patrick's Day, and she is now a patient on Ward G-1. Here's hoping her status as a patient is a brief one.

Sergeant **Pauline Smith** left for a 30 day re-enlistment leave last week. Destination: Hollywood—perhaps she's looking for a post-Army career in the film world, or is she seeking Gregory Peck's autograph?

It seems to be the fate of Letterman Women's Teams to draw runners-up in the various tournaments. In keeping with this, the Letterman Women's Volleyball team placed second in the Southern Division Tournament held here last week. Perhaps the Softball Team will conquer the seemingly overwhelming hurdle.

Sergeant **Dorothy Coleman** has left the routine of Army life to take on the task of being strictly a wife and prospective mother.

Sergeant First Class **Barbara Thomas** spent a couple of days sick in quarters after a rather intensive session with the dentist.

Several members of the detachment participated in the costume party at the Letterman NCO Club last Friday night. One of the most original costumes was worn by Corporal **"Hank" Zuzga,** who was adorned in a duffle bag for the occasion.

Major **Ruby Herman,** Sixth Army WAC Staff Director, was a visitor at the WAC Detachment barracks this week and toured the hospital interviewing individual WACs on-the-job.

The Presidio-Letterman Women's exhibition volleyball game, scheduled for the Army Day ceremonies, has been cancelled.

Plans are under way to organize a Women's Bowling team for entry in the Sixth Army Tournament at Fort Ord to be conducted 4-8 April.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 27, March, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Passover Services

A Passover seder service and dinner for military personnel, their dependents and hospitalized veterans, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 1949 at 6:30 p. m. at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street. The service and festival observance will be conducted by Rabbi William Z. Dalin, Sixth Army Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain. All personnel of the Armed Forces and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Passover, the oldest of Jewish holidays, is celebrated for eight days —this year beginning with sundown on 13 April and terminating at sundown on 21 April.

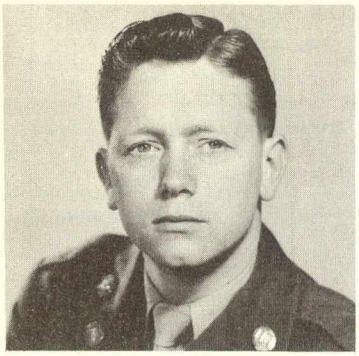
This Biblical holiday combines the Festival of Spring with the story of the Exodus of the Israelites of old from their bondage in the land of Egypt. Spring, the time of liberation for nature, and the idea of human freedom, fit very well together, and in this way Passover has become the festival of the freedom of the Jewish people, their deliverance from slavery and their awakening to a new life.

The very observance of Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being. The Feast of Israel's freedom, its celebration, is Israel's homage to the great principle of human freedom.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, Chairman for the Red Cross campaign fund drive, reports that the total of donations received up to 24 March amounted to $1226.79.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES FAUCETT
Private

This month Private James Faucett of Special Services had two reasons to celebrate—on 10 March he was 21, and he inherited from the estate of an uncle a sizeable sum of money which had been held in trust for him until he came of age.

His first purchase from his inheritance was a robin's egg blue '49 Pontiac convertible. As for the rest of the money, he says he may decide to invest it in his father's grocery business and go in as a partner. That will not be in the immediate future, however, because he intends to go to the University of Arizona and get his degree before he goes into business. He will be discharged from the Army next month.

Jim was born in Paris, Texas, but has lived in Phoenix, Arizona, ever since he was a youngster. He joined the Army in 1946, shortly after he finished high school, and after induction at Fort Bliss, Texas, went to Fort Eustis, Virginia, for basic training. This was followed by a 12-week course of training as an amphibious truck driver.

In January 1947 he went overseas and spent nearly a year serving in Italy, stationed at Gorizia and Leghorn. After his return to the States he came to duty here at LGH in February of last year, and worked in the Message Center for a time before coming to his present assignment as lifeguard in the swimming pool.

Jim was the owner of eight cars of varying vintages before he acquired his brand-new one, and having worked his way through a Chevrolet, Nash, Buick, Plymouth, Willys, LaSalle, Packard and a '40 Pontiac, he was well-qualified to decide what kind he wanted when he got a new one.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sergeant First Class **Harvey A. Chelf,** longtime Letterman patient, is busy these days with part time duties in the Information Office, and says he hopes that when he stops being a patient, he'll be assigned to full-time duty here at LGH.

Recruit **Elias Mendelovics,** patient on ward M-2, who has been studying typing, is now going in for more aethetic pursuits and has taken up copper tooling in the Occupational Therapy Shop. Recruit **Hans Arons,** also on ward M-2, has been giving him pointers on how to proceed, copper tooling being an old story to Hans.

Sergeant **J. T. Chandler** is again a patient on ward E-1 after sojourning on ward E-2 for a time. "J.T." enjoys the distinction of having the shortest name of any patient in the hospital. Must be so, because where other people are christened with names, he got only the initials J.T. (Either that, or he has a couple of names he doesn't like.)

Lester Lee, veteran patient, is back on ward E-1 recuperating from an operation, and already he's making plans for that next weekend he'll be spending at home.

The attractive stencilled place mats and napkins decorated with a design of tomatoes that have been rating admiring remarks while they were on display in the O. T. Shop are the work of Private First Class **Ivan F. Brubaker,** patient on ward 27.

Last week the participants in the Great Books discussion group, meeting in the library, wanted to listen to the radio broadcast of Secretary of State Dean Acheson's speech on the North Atlantic Pact, but no radio was available. However, **Tommie Thompson,** veteran patient on ward O-2, said he'd be glad to let them use his radio, and the group was most appreciative.

Sergeant **Jewell Dunagan,** longtime Army man who was a prisoner of war during World War II, was welcomed back to ward E1 recently when he returned from one of the field wards.

New hours are announced for the Recreational Library, effective this week. It will be open from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. on Saturday.

Personnel on duty on ward E-1 have high praise for Private First Class **Jacob Wilson.** Though he's obliged to spend a large proportion of his time in the iron lung, he keeps as cheerful as though he were really enjoying himself. His friends here are very happy about the good progress he is making on the road to recovery.

Private First Class **Ansen DeRego,** patient on ward C-2, is busy with a weaving project in the Occupational Therapy Shop, and is turning out a handsome table runner which is made especially decorative because of the gold threads woven into the design.

Two patients on ward E-1—"Paratrooper" **Benjamin Butler** and Private **George Rocha**—will shortly be answering to "Mister." In the near future they will say goodbye to Letterman and return to civilian life.

Walter Haneberg, twice a patient at Letteman and now at the Fort Miley Veterans Hospital, made a guest appearance on the "Take It or Leave It" radio broadcast last Sunday evening, and was the richer for it by three times $64 ($192, that is). Another former Lettermanite, Walter's fiancee, Miss Peg Russell, who was a Red Cross recreation worker here, was also heard briefly during the show. Walter chose the category of "State's Nicknames" and got one $64 that way. He got $64 before he answered any questions, and the third $64 was given because he was about to be married. Lucky man!

Thomas E. Healy, veteran patient on ward E-1 and, as revealed by his name, a man who had every right to clebrate St. Patrick's Day, did it up in style, with green carnations and a handsome green tie decorated with clay pipes and top hats. All the greenery was sent him by his co-workers in the state insurance office, and the tie lent an elegant touch to his pajama jacket, people kept telling him.

Customer: "Call the manager. I never saw anything as tough as this steak."

Waiter: "You will, sir, if I call the manager."

DO YOU KNOW?



JOAN GOTTSCHALK
Payroll Section

Miss Joan Gottschalk of Payroll Section wore the Navy blue during the war, having served in the WAVEs for more than two years, but "she's in the Army now"—as a civilian that is—and likes it very well. Joan's name is pronounced Jo Ann, but people know her better by her nickname of "Jody."

She was born in Laramie, Wyoming, and has her B.A. from the University of Wyoming, where she majored in psychology. She interrupted her work at the university before she completed her junior year, to join the WAVEs in April 1944, enlisting in Denver, Colorado. She went to Hunter's College in New York City for her six weeks of basic training, then was sent to yeoman's school at Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a three-month course.

Her first duty station was at Farragut, Idaho, where she did office work in the Selection Office for a year, then she went to Bremerton, Washington, and worked in the Separation Center until she herself was separated, in August 1946.

Jody returned to the University of Wyoming and got her degree the following June. She had been in California several times on vacations, and liked it so well she wanted to come here to live, so after she finished school she spent the summr vacationing at Balboa Island in the southern part of the state. Then she came to San Francisco, and in September 1947 began work at Letterman in the Civilian Personnel Branch. She was in the Administration Section for a year, then was transferred to her present assignment in Payroll Section.

She is in the Organized Naval Reserves, and spends one evening a week working in the classification office at Treasure Island.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Wallace Fruit of General Mess Section is currently enjoying 30 days leave and he is spending some of this time visiting in Morgan Hill, Calif. During the latter part of his vacation he will fulfill a long-standing ambition by climbing to the top of Mount Diablo, in Contra Costa County.

Gil Grady of Finance went skiing over the week end and traveled to Reno to "break the bank" but it is rumored the bank broke him.

Dorothy Palmer of the Crissy Mess office spent a week enjoying the sights of Carmel.

We are glad to see **Jeanette Powers** of Finance back after an illness which kept her home for ten days.

Leo King of the Information office returned from his trip to New Orleans, La., where he visited with his sister and enjoyed the festivities of the Mardi Gras. He said the weather was bad and the big parade was postponed once due to the weather, but otherwise he enjoyed himself very much.

Alexander Alsop of the Laundry is retiring to lead a life of leisure after 15 years of federal service, of which six were spent at Letterman.

We extend a hearty welcome to **Susie C. Shell** of Out Patient Service and **Mary C. Barrie** of the Laundry.

Wallace L .Robbie, former enlisted man stationed at Letterman, is now a civilian and will resume the duties he held in the Microfilm Section prior to his discharge.

Harriet Baken of Information & Education office played three piano solos last Sunday over radio station KSJO in San Jose. She made a guest appearance on the program conducted by **Reginald Greenbrook,** former Letterman patient. Harriet drove to San Jose with **Frances Lilienthal,** who used to teach here at LGH, and two other Lettermanites, **Alice Torgerson** and **Hannah Goldberg.**

A Pre-Cana Conference on Marriage will be held on Sunday, 3 April, at Notre Dame College in Belmont, and young people who are engaged or recently married are invited to attend the all-day session. There will be talks by a priest, a doctor and by persons who have made a success of marriage and parenthood. Further information may be obtained upon inquiry addressed to "Pre-Cana Conference, Young Christian Workers, St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco 2."

SHE HOPES SOME DAY TO BECOME A NURSE ANESTHETIST IN THE ANC



Second Lieutenant ESTHER M. QUESENBERRY, ANC
Newcomer on the Letterman Army Nurse Corps scene

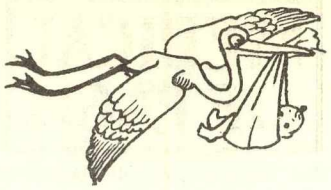
With several doctors and nurses among her relatives, 2nd Lieutenant Esther Quesenberry, ANC, grew up surrounded by the medical atmosphere and as a result she decided on nursing as a career long before she actually began her training. Now, with a four-year background of nursing, she's sure she made the right choice because she likes the work very much, she says.

Lieutenant Quesenberry was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and had her nurse's training at Union Memorial Hospital in that city. After she became a registered nurse following her graduation in 1945 she remained at Union Memorial until she applied for her commission in the Army Nurse Corps last Fall. She was night supervisor at the hospital, and was assistant head nurse and later head nurse of one of the departments of the hospital. She resigned her position when she decided to come into the Army, and did private duty nursing during the two months that elapsed before she received her Army orders.

She was sworn into the ANC in Baltimore last December, then in January went to Brooke Army Medical Center for the seven-week basic training course. She asked for assignment to Letterman, and came here a few weeks ago. At present she is on duty on ward O-2. She wants to become a nurse anesthetist, and hopes she will be able to specialize in that field while she is in the Army.

During school vacations Lieutenant Quesenberry (whose friends abbreviate her name to "Ques") worked as a model for fashion designers and also modeled clothes for department stores. She was a volunteer driver for the Red Cross Motor Corps during and after the war.

This is her first time in California, and she is looking forward to becoming familiar with San Francisco and vicinity. For diversion she likes dancing and the theatre, and all kinds of sports activities, particularly horseback riding. She has recently become interested in golf, and expects to list that among her favorite pastimes as soon as she becomes a proficient golfer.



10 March

To Pvt. and Mrs. Theodore E. Smith, a boy, **Johann Theodore Henrich.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bennett, a girl, **Marilyn Sue.**

11 March

To Sgt. 1/c and Mrs. Kenneth Newby, a girl, **Deborah Kaye.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph R. Foote, Jr. a boy, **Ronald Edward.**

12 March

To Major and Mrs. Hugh T. Paris, a boy, **Thomas McCord.**

13 March

To Sgt. and Mrs. Luther L. Keahi, a boy, **Gene Luther.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, a girl, **Edith.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. John W. Horton, Sr., a boy, **John Wesley, Jr.**

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. John E. Fitzgerald, Jr., a boy, **Michael Rem.**

14 March

To Sgt. and Mrs. John K. Custer, Jr., a girl, **Virginia May.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Albert C. Aguilar, a boy, **Larry James.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harold L. Anderson, a boy, **Bruce Howard.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Glenn E. Mackey, a girl, **Toni Mari.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jess W. Henryes, Sr., a boy, **Jess Willard, Jr.**

15 March

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard F. Maiello, a girl, **Carolyn Grace.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Prophet, Sr., a boy, **Lawrence Albert, Jr.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene A. Zimmerman, a girl, **Trudy Marie.**

16 March

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arne A. Helland, a girl, **Nancy Lee Helland.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bruce O. Young, a girl, **Karen Rene.**

To Major and Mrs. Loren A. Buckey, a boy, **Daniel Thomas.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl T. King, a boy, **Bill.**

17 March

To Sgt. 1/c and Mrs. Francis C. Armijo a girl, **Linda Marie.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clyde A. Bergstrom, a girl, **Patsy Eileen.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Charles J. Slade, a girl, **Sandra Colleen.**

MEDICAL DETACH

The Sixth Army Volleyball Tournament, sponsored and organized by Letterman Special Services, was won by a well-coached and experienced group of players from Fort Ord. Letterman was host post for the occasion. Entries from Benicia, Stoneman, the Presidio, Fort Mason, Fort Scott, Oakland and Letterman competed in the tournament.

Recently returned from furlough is Corporal **Dale Drake,** who is on duty on ward K-2. Dale plans to make the Army his career and says "I'd be very happy to spend all my Army time right here at Letterman."

A crowd of more than 200 thoroughly enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day costume party at the NCO Club. Members of the orchestra were judges for the "best costume" awards, and cash prizes went to Sergeant First Class **Duke Stewart** and his wife for their Spanish costumes, to Master Sergeant and Mrs. **John Law,** who wore Dutch costumes, and to Sergeant **John Lemanski** who came as a WAC. The two couples won $20 each, and Sergeant Lemanski received a $10 prize. His makeup is reported as something spectacular, completely feminine from orange mop wig to sheer nylons.

Sergeant **Eddie Affuso** of Medical Supply has a beaming smile for everyone these days as he looks forward to the arrival of his wife, who will be here from New York in a few weeks. They plan to live at Hunter's Point.

Private **Henry K. Andersen,** on duty in the photo lab, enjoyed a three-day pass in Modesto this week.

Master Sergeant **Kenneth Robbins** has been transferred from the Troop Information and Education Office. His new assignment is as permanent CQ at Crissy Field, where he is in charge of ten barracks.

Private **Jake Kowaleski** of Message Center and Private **Charles Biely** of Hospital Service Branch are looking forward to spending a three-day pass in Pomona in the near future.

Wife: "Wasn't it disgusting the way those men stared at that girl getting on the train?"

Husband: "What train?"

LETTERMAN WAS HIS FIRST AND IS NOW HIS LAST ARMY DUTY STATION



Master Sergeant JAMES C. VAUGHAN
Who will retire from the Army next week.

Master Sergeant James C Vaughan, who is retiring from the Army next week after 23 years of service, spent nearly half that time here at Letterman, having been assigned here at various times for a total of eleven years. He was commissioned during World War II, and was separated from the service last October with the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He wanted to be retired from Letterman, so he re-enlisted here as Master Sergant, and has been on duty in the Information Office while awaiting retirement.

Sergeant Vaughan was born in Richmond, Virginia. He came into the Army in 1925, and his first permanent assignment was here at Letterman, where he served as laboratory technician for three years. He then went on transport service, and did administrative work in the station hospital aboard ship for the next six years. Among the places he visited while on transport duty were Panama, Puerto Rico, Honolulu, the Philippines, China and Japan.

In 1934 he came back to Letterman and was on duty in the first sergeant's office until he was commissioned in June 1942 and went to Percy Jones General Hospital as detachment commander. This was followed by a tour of duty at Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., where he served as reconditioning officer, later as adjutant and executive officer. In March 1946 he went overseas to Germany as adjutant of the 250th Station Hospital, remaining until October 1948 when he returned to the States and was separated from the service. He re-enlisted here in February of this year.

Sergeant Vaughan and his wife, the former Miss Margaret Petersen of San Francisco, have their own home in Oakland, and now that Sergeant Vaughan is retiring he says he plans to do some real work on his garden. He also wants to raise dogs, not commercially, but as a hobby. The Vaughans have two wire-haired terriers which they brought back with them from Germany, and they intend to acquire some dachshunds. They enjoy trips in their car, and will continue the travels that have already taken them through most of the West. Letterman is like home to Sergeant Vaughan, he says, and living in Oakland he will be near enough so that he can visit old friends here.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Ten enlisted men assigned to the Camp Kilmer Detachment, Hospital Train Section, have been awarded Good Conduct Clasps for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" during the period from 1945 to 1948. For one of the men, Master Sergeant **Harry P. Vitchkowski,** it is the second Good Conduct Clasp he has received. The other nine men are: Master Sergeant **John A. Sauln, Jr.,** Master Sergeant **Michael A. Sedlak,** Sergeant First Class **Clement A. Osheaski,** and Sergeants **Donald G. Carmier, Otto C. Dickhaus, John Dyksen, Andrew Gerlach, Jr., Frank R. MacSorley, Kenneth L. Middlebrook.**

Corporal **Harry C. Hardee, Jr.,** is spreading the glad news that he expects to become a proud father again in the near future.

The Hospital Train Section men are beginning to return from Camp Kilmer slowly but surely—two cars arrived Monday and the men reported a good trip and got a warm welcome.

Corporal **Fred E. Farris** and Corporal **Boyd Patterson** returned this week from a trip to Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class **Orin G. Pruner** is having quite a time breaking in his new shoes. He gives plenty of warning of his approach, since his shoes squeak so much he can be heard for blocks, they tell him.

Private First Class **Ralph C. Talley** left this week for Richmond, Virginia, and plans to spend eight days at home.

It seems that Corporal **William H. Jordan** isn't the only "antique collector" around the Hospital Train Section. Master Sergeant **William E. Bowen** and Corporal **Charlie H. Baxter** are now the co-owners of a 1935 Pontiac, and Sergeant **Robert C. Merrill** has been seen sporting around in a 1936 Chrysler.

Troop Information And Education

The Army Education Program comprises the educational activity of the Army which is not a part of training programs established to meet military requirements.

The objectives of the program are:

a. To provide the education necessary for the soldier to perform his assigned duties efficiently.

b. To enable the soldier to meet the educational requirements for promotion.

c. To offer continuing educational opportunities for the soldier.

d. To assist the soldier in employing his leisure time profitably and satisfying his intellectual interests.

e. To assist in the raising of the general educational level of the Regular Army Officer pursuant to DA Cir 146, 20 May 1948.

The Army Education Program includes:

a. Educational courses, services, and materials offered by or thru USAFI.

b. Individual enrollment in extension classes of accredited civilian schools.

c. Educational advisement.

d. Testing and examination services. Thru USAFI the following tests are available:

1. USAFI End-of-Course Tests are designed to test mastery of USAFI courses.

2. USAFI Subject Examinations are designed to measure educational achievement in certain subjects, regardless of the source from which the knowledge was obtained.

3. General Educatioanl Development (GED) Tests are designed to measure the extent to which all educational experience, both military and civilian, has contributed to an individual's ability to pursue a future course of general education.

4. Education Qualification Test, 2 CX; to be used in the implementation of DA Cir 146, (1948).

The services of the Troop I&E Program are directed toward the development of those attributes that will produce self-disciplined, well-educated, and efficient soldiers, who will personify the highest type of alert, active, citizenship.

"Should I marry a man who lies to me?"

"Lady, do you want to be an old maid?"

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Overseas commands now are authorized to requisition the new type Army combat and non-combat chevrons. Overseas QM depots will be prepared to fill such requisitions after June 14.

Transfer of Coast Guard control from the Treasury Department to the Commerce Department has been recommended by the Hoover Commission on Government reorganization.

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The Air Force is ready to commission about 200 of the 2,500 non-Regular officers on EAD who applied for Regular commissions prior to October 1, 1948. The list will be published about the end of March.

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Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelbarger, recently retired after distinguished service in the Far East, is returning to DA. He will serve as civilian adviser to Assistant Secretary of the Army Voorhees on non-military aspects of Japanese occupation.

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Air Force personnel contemplating purchase of summer uniforms are being advised to have them cut to the pattern of the new shade 84 blue winter uniform. Cotton khaki shade No. 1, or tropical worsted or gabardine, Army shade No. 61, will be authorized materials. Currently prescribed shirts will be authorized.

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At the request of Defense Secretary Forrestal, legislation has been introduced in the Senate to authorize appointment of Philippine Scout officers in the Regular Army.

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The Strategic Air Command has developed a co-operative housing plan involving purchase of 5,000 prefabricated homes to be distributed among SAC bases as rental units.

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The Army has created a board to survey the officers' educational system with relation to experiences of World War II and post-war scientific developments.

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Operations "Vittles" TDY airmen are guaranteed 12 months in the ZI after returning to the States, unless they apply for overseas duty sooner.

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The Marine Corps is resuming professional examination for promotion, suspended since World War II. About 1,200 officers will take professional examinations beginning April 25. Eligible male enlisted personnel will take General Military Subjects Tests in May and June. Passage of examination does not automatically assure promotion, but after May 10, enlisted men will not be promoted without a satisfactory test score.

Interplanetary Flight Forseen by Scientist

Downey, Calif. (AFPS)—Flights to and from planets are on their way—for certain, says Dr. Walther Riedel, the man who perfected the German V-2 buzz bomb.

Dr. Riedel, director at Germany's Peenemuende rocket plant in Pomerania, is in this country helping the Air Force build ever deadlier missiles at the North American Aviation Company.

He recently stated that "space will be conquered in definite stages. Finally will come interplanetary flight."

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The Army's established food requirement of 3,600 calories per day for male personnel in temperate climates has been altered to prescribe 2,000 calories for sedentary personnel, and 2,400 for women.

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Application for WO appointment in the Army unit administrator specialty must be submitted within seven days of receipt of the directive DA Circular, and not later than April 15 in any case.

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A well-rounded picture of defense problems is presented in "On Watch," a "This Is America" series film, released this month. Made by RKO Pathe in co-operation with Army, Navy and Air Force, it illustrates the public apathy toward defense existing after World War I, and the dangers attending rapid demobilization after World War II.

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Participation in the Air Force Education Program increased from 10.2% to 13.2% in the final quarter of 1948 over the previous quarter. Overseas participation increased from 12.5% to 20.7%. ZI participation increased from 9.3% to 10.3%. Comparative figures follow:

Command	30 Sept.	31 Dec.
Caribbean	9.2	16.9
Pacific	.8	24.6
Alaska	9.5	17.3
Far East	14.8	18.6
European	13.4	28.4
Strategic A. C.	9.8	9.1
Air University	8.7	7.3
MATS	6.1	5.6
Air Training Comd.	8.0	7.6
Air Materiel Cd.	18.6	14.5
Air Prov. Ground	23.2	36.9
Continental A. C.	11.3	16.2
Hq. Command	10.2	6.9

Retired

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas S. Throwell, recently retired at Fitzsimons General Hospital, was a Letterman visitor this week.

Colonel Throwell first reported to Letterman in the early days of the army expansion program and stayed with us until he went across the bay to assist in the organization of the Oakland Regional Hospital. He later went back to Billings General Hospital at Indianapolis before going overseas to Germany.

He came back to Letterman as a patient in April 1946 and resumed duty status here the following July. In January of this year he was transferred to Fitzsimons General Hospital as a patient and was retired by reason of physical disability early this month.

Colonel Throwell was a real "handy" man for this command. He served as adjutant, registrar, commanding officer of the Detachment of Patients, officer in charge of the Pharmacy, provost marshal—and did a good job at each.

He carries our best wishes into retirement.

New Books

The San Francisco Lodge No. 21, Bnai Brith, has donated the following books to the Letterman library: **A Century of Jewish Life** by E. L. Begen; **In the Steps of Moses** by Louis Golding; **Sabbath—The Day of Delight** by Abraham E. Millgram; **Theodore Herzi** by Alex Bein; **The Jews of Germany** by Marvin Lowenthal; **Stars and Sand** edited by Joseph L. Baron; **A History of the Jews** by Solomon Grayzel; **Germany's Stepchildren** by Solomon Liptzin; **A History of the Jewish People** by Max L. Margolis and Alexander Mark.

Postmark

San Francisco's friendly mailmen will cooperate with the Arrmy by postmarking mail with the timely slogan:

"Part of the Team—For Security —ARMY DAY—April 6."

A cancellation die using this slogan has been placed in use and will continue in use through April 6, 1949, according to Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa.

Collectors desiring this special cancellation may send their stamped envelopes, under cover, to Postmaster, San Francisco.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Letterman Will Have Open House For Army Day

Letterman will hold Open House next Saturday, 9 April, when Army Day is observed at the Presidio of San Francisco with Sixth Army officers and troops presenting a full program of activities and displays. A reception committee will welcome visitors to LGH and conduct them in groups of 20 on tours of the hospital, telling them about its history and purpose.

Points of interest to be visited on the tour will include a general ward, the library and central mess, the bowling alley, gymnasium, swimming pool and the recreation center Light refreshments will be served at the recreation center by members of the WAC detachment. The Letterman band will play in the patio and games will be going on in the gym and bowling alley during the open house hours, from 2 to 4 p. m. A copy of the special Army Day issue of the Fog Horn will be provided for each visitor.

The Field Director of Letterman Red Cross will have ten Red Cross staff members to assist with the conducted tours of the hospital and in serving refreshments in the Recreation Center.

One of the feature exhibits at the Presidio on Army Day will be a model tent camp. The bivouac, planned for one company of approximately 200 men from the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, will be a complete Army camp. It will include 100 shelter tents, commonly known as pup tents, a command post tent, two officers' tents, a portable shower and a field kitchen.

Set up for inspection, the tents will contain all the typical equipment and clothing of the soldier, with the exception of arms. Soldiers will be on hand to guide visitors through the area and Army cooks will be available to explain details of field food preparation. The bivouac area will be located on the lawn in front of the main Sixth Army headquarters building.

Special exhibits are being planned by the Transportation Corps, the Signal Corps and other technical services. Also slated are special ceremonies, sports events and other features for the day-long celebration which begins at 9 a. m. and continues through 9 p. m.

Busses will be used to transport visitor to historic places at the Presidio. Information as to location of exhibits will be contained on maps issued to visitors, and directions will be available at special information booths.

Dinner and supper meals will be served to guests during Army Day for 35 cents per meal at several mess halls located on the Presidio grounds.



6th Army Bowling Preliminaries at Ft. Ord This Week

The Sixth Army Preliminary Bowling Tournament will start at Fort Ord on Monday, 4 April, according to announcement from the Special Services Section of Headquarters 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, and teams from Letterman will participate.

Teams—male and female—representing the installations in California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, will compete in this preliminary tournament. Two five man teams, plus one alternate player for each team, two doubles teams, and two singles bowlers will be selected in each of the mens and womens classes to compete in the final tournament, held at Fort Ord, starting 11 April.

One five man team with an alternate player, one doubles team and one singles bowler from each class will be selected at a preliminary tournament held at Fort Lawton, Washington, to compete in the final tournament at Fort Ord. Teams from installations located in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington will be the entries in the Lawton tournament.

The Letterman mens team, selected on the basis of highest averages in our local league, will be made up of Master Sergeant Charles E. Wilcox, team captain, Sergeant First Class Walter A. Yohe, First Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, Master Sergeant John P. Law and Sergeant Kenneth Bates, alternate. The women, chosen on the same basis, will have on their team Captain Minnie L. Young, team captain, First Lieutenant Bernie Boudreau, First Lieutenant Frances E. Harllee, Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth, Sergeant First Class Eleanor Eaton, with Sergeant First Class Lestie Roach or First Lieutenant Betty Hearne, as alternate.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley



Army Photo

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army . . . appointed February 7, 1948, to succeed General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower . . . born Omar Nelson Bradley in Clark, Missouri, February 12, 1893 . . . U.S. Military Academy graduate with B.S. degree in 1915 . . . Commissioned 2nd Lt., Infantry and reached General Officer status in 1941 . . . was in charge of World War I stateside troop training . . . graduated from the Advance Course Infantry School . . . Command and General Staff School . . . Army War College . . . because of World War II accomplishments is considered one of the most brilliant tacticians of all time . . . led famed 2nd Corps in Tunisian campaign . . . headed 12 Army Group that met Russia at the Elbe . . . is credited with the breakthrough at St. Lo . . . popular for his sincerety and system of calculated risks . . . wears Silver Star . . . D.S.M., two clusters . . . Legion of Merit, cluster . . . Bronze Star . . . plus a score of foreign decorations . . . nicknamed the "Soldier's Soldier" . . . is a member of the Christian Church . . . headed the Veterans Administration after war . . . married to former Mary Elizabeth Quale and is father of one daughter. (AFPS)

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ARMY DAY

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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A Proclamation

WHEREAS the Army of the United States is a bulwark of the Nation's defense in war and a faithful servant of the people in time of peace; and

WHEREAS, currently, tasks vital to the final establishment of a durable peace are entrusted to the Army and are being performed at home and across the seas; and

WHEREAS Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, 75th Congress, 1st Session, which was agreed by the House of Representatives on March 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 1108). provides:

"That April 6 of each year be recognized by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America as Army Day. . . ."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 6, 1949, as Army Day; and I invite the Governors of the various States, Territories, and possessions to issue proclamations for the celebration of that day in such a manner as to render appropriate honor to the Army of the United States in all its component parts—the Organized Reserves, the National Guard, and the Regular Army—and to the millions of Army veterans who have returned to civilian pursuits.

AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF of the Armed Forces of the United States, I desire the Army Commands throughout the Nation mark the designated day with appropriate ceremonies and cooperate with civil authorities and civic bodies in suitable celebration.

I COMMEND to the consideration of my fellow citizens the reflection that our Army is a protector of those values and principles upon which our society is founded.

Since the fortunes of our Nation and the peace of the world depend in part upon the skill, the gallantry, and the uncompromising devotion of the Army of the United States, let us all, on the day appointed, accord to our Army the signal recognition that it deserves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Signed **HARRY S. TRUMAN**

Kenneth C. Royall



Army Photo

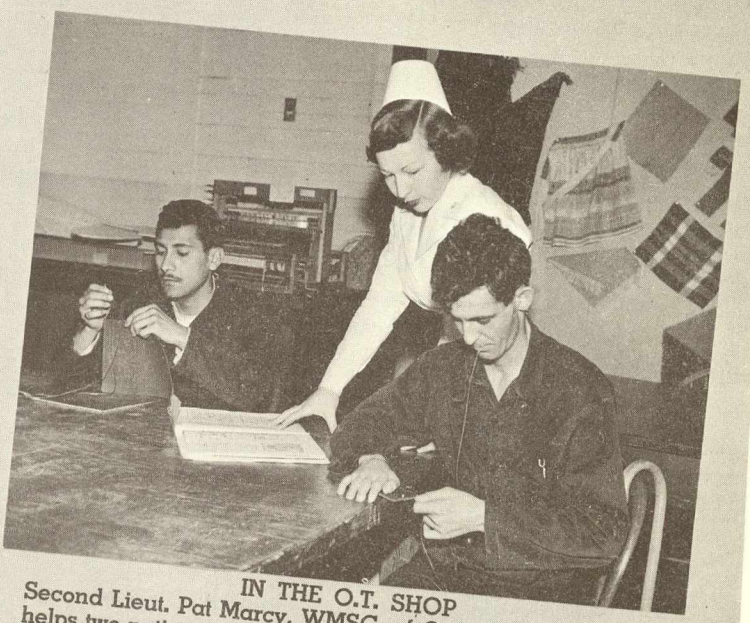
Secretary of the Army . . appointed first as Secretary of War July 24, 1947 to succeed Robert P. Patterson . . . was redesignated Secretary of the Army Sept. 18, 1947 . . . born Kenneth Claiborne Royall July 24, 1894 in Goldsboro, N. C. . . . graduated from the University of North Carolina with A.B. degree in 1914 . . . Harvard with L.L.B. in 1917 . . joined Army same year . . went to OCS at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia . . . emerged a 2nd Lt. of Field Artillery . . . overseas in 1919 as 1st Lt. . . . returned to be admitted to North Carolina bar . . . became partner in firm of Ehringhaus, Royall, Gosney, and Smith . . . served as state senator in 1927 . . . president of the North Carolina Bar Association 1927-30 . . . recalled to active duty as a Colonel June 5, 1942 . . . was made Chief, Legal Section, Fiscal Division . . . promoted to Brigadier General in '43 . . . personally designated by President Roosevelt as Defense Counsel for the eight German saboteurs captured on Atlantic coast . . . named Special Assistant to the Secretary of War in April '45 . . . relieved of active duty November '45 to accept post as new Undersecretary of War . . . advanced to Secretary of War . . . married to former Margaret Best and is father of two children. (AFPS)



Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



JEWISH CLASSICAL MUSIC
Recordings being presented to the commanding general by San Francisco Lodge No. 21, Bnai Brith. L to R: Mr. Sam Tovar, Mr. Meyer Licht, Brig. Gen. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Mr. Max Robinson, Rabbi William Z. Dalin.



IN THE O.T. SHOP
Second Lieut. Pat Marcy, WMSC, of Occupational Therapy, helps two patients with their leatherwork projects. L to R: Pvt. Jose Robles, ward 41; M-Sgt. John Bays, ward E-2.



LGH VOLLEY BALL TEAM
Who won second place in the Sixth Army tournament held at Letterman. L to R (standing): First Lieut. Phyllis Patrick, ANC; First Lieut. Betty Hearne, WMSC; First Lieut. Raimon Lehman, Special Services, coach; First Lieut. Mildred Kauffman, ANC; Sgt. First Class Lestie Roach. Front row: Sgt. First Class Eleanor Eaton, Cpl. Henrietta Zuzga, Sgt. Betty Wugan.



VICTOR LOMBARDO'S BAND
now playing at the Mark Hopkins, entertained an appreciative audience at the Recreation Hall last week. Above, vocalist Jean Peary sings with the band.

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EDITORIAL

HATS OFF!

We might head this editorial "For Men Only" and thus assure ourselves of a thorough reading by both sexes, but we'll just begin by asking you a question. If you're a man, and in uniform as you read these words—where's your headgear? If you're wearing it in conformity with regulations, you're either outdoors or under arms.

Sad to relate, some military personnel are so attached to their caps that they're scarcely ever seen without them, indoors or out. So this is in the nature of a reminder that in addition to the military regulation there is also the "common courtesy" custom to be observed regarding hats.

Some enlisted men and even some officers cling to an unfortunate habit of wearing their caps all day while in offices—just in case they might have to go outdoors at any moment, no doubt. Those same men probably never wear a hat at all when in civilian clothes. And if they saw a civilian wearing his hat all day in an office, they'd have something unfavorable to say about his lack of manners.

Others are seen wearing their hats while on errands on the wards, talking to nurses or patients. The courtesy of removing it should prevail there, too.

Except on the occasions specified in military regulations, the watchword is "Hats off!"



Captain **Lily W. Neal,** ANC, was the guest of honor Sunday at a dinner party at the Nurses' Recreation Hall, and was given a farewell gift from her friends here. She is leaving Letterman shortly for her new duty station, Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii. She does not report to Camp Stoneman until 3 May, but she will be on pre-embarkation leave before going to Stoneman, and will spend part of it at home in Springfield, Mo.

First Lieut. **Rose J. Dull,** ANC, who is now Mrs. **Salvatore Sancimino,** received her discharge from the Army this week and will now be devoting her time to homemaking. She will be living in San Francisco, so her friends here will be able to keep in close touch with her.

Major **Althea Buckins,** ANC, enjoyed a pleasant week end at Carmel.

The sympathy of her friends here is extended to First Lieut. **Betty Miller,** ANC, who received word this week of the death of her father.

First Lieut. **Alice Hanratty,** WM SC, of the dietitians' staff, is leaving Letterman next week for the Middle West, and will be stationed at Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois. On her way there she will spend ten days at her home in Berry, Minnesota.

Two ANC newcomers arrived this week from the Hospital Train Section, Camp Kilmer, N. Y., for temporary duty here—First Lieut. **Anna Evans** and First Lieut. **Karoline Harrison.**

Last week First Lieut. **Primrose Gifford,** ANC, reported to Fort Mason for hospital ship duty, and this week First Lieut. **Catherine Bell,** who has been on hospital ship duty out of Fort Mason, arrived at Letterman for station.

WAC

The past week has found a number of WAC Detachment members baby-sitting as a pastime. Perhaps the fact that it was the last week before payday was a determining factor in such a trend.

The Women's Bowling Team to be entered in the Sixth Army Tournament will be leaving for Fort Ord next week. The Letterman Team bowled a series of three games against the Presidio WAC Team Monday night, and the Letterman Pill-Rollers came out ahead in all three games.

Sergeant First Class **Barbara Thomas** departed for Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on a 30-day re-enlistment leave to visit family and friends there.

Softball season is under way, with the first practice session having been scheduled for Tuesday. Calisthenics played the main role in the first practice to limber up lazy muscles before they were put into heavy action on the ball field.

Word has come from Corporal **Lorraine Fincher,** who left several weeks ago for Camp Kilmer, saying that the WACs who left here for shipment to Europe were to sail Monday, 28 March for Bremerhaven, Germany. A coincidental item was that they were to sail on the "U. S. A. T. BARRY," the same ship which carried a number of WACs now stationed here back from Europe in January of 1948.

Sergeant **Esther Hogye** from Camp Stoneman was the guest of Sergeant First Class **Ellie Eaton** and Corporal **Marilouise Damm** for the week end. Sergeant Hogye was stationed with Ellie and Marilou in Vienna and has recently returned to the States.

A new WAC, Sergeant **Jessie King,** has reported for duty. She has an unusual MOS, and has been assigned to Special services to assist in the recreational work and also has a job in the Mess Department and Orthopedics Section as a draftsman.

Sergeant **Elsie McClellan's** smiling face may be seen once more in Central Service after a brief stay in the hospital as a patient.

Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** enjoyed a sunny week-end in Carmel, and while there, she indulged in a little shopping spree, bringing back a beautiful plaid suit.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 3, April, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Madigan Chaplain Is Letterman Visitor This Week

Lieutenant Colonel Vernon P. Jaeger, the Post Chaplain at Madigan General Hospital, was a Letterman visitor this week, when he dropped in to renew acquaintance with our own popular Chaplain George B. King, his old schoolmate of seminary days at Chicago.

Chaplain Jaeger has been at Madigan for the past 14 months and went there on return from a two year tour of duty in Korea. In his 17 years of Regular Army service he has been stationed at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, Fort Clayton, Panama, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort Sheridan, Ill.

During a prior tour of duty at Fort Lewis, Chaplain Jaeger assisted the late Chaplain Julius J. Babst in the construction of the Post Chapel at that post. It is the best military chapel to be found at any post.

Chaplain Jaeger was en route to Fort Lewis after a special course at the Chaplains' School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Disc Jockey

Something new will be added in the near future to our KLGH repertoire with a program titled "So you want to be a disc jockey?"

Patients who aspire to the role will have access to a wire recorder and a selection of records. The candidate will play his records with disc jockey comment and the recording will be played over the KLGH radio network.

Who wants to be the first patient "disc jockey" at Letterman? Sgt. Allen, of Special Services, is the man to see.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARJORIE HURST
Private

We might make a rhymed refrain about Private Marjorie Hurst to the effect that she's four foot eleven; wears clothes size seven," since those are two of the reasons for her nickname of "Little Toot." Ever since the screen appearance of Walt Disney's lively little steam engine known as "Little Toot," Marjorie has answered to that name more often than to her own.

Though she was born in Boston, Mass., she has lived most of her life in St. Petersburg, Fla. Last June she was graduated from "St. Pete Hi," in her home town, and shortly thereafter started out with a friend for a vacation in California. She got to California all right, but there was a slight "delay en route." While spending a few days in Dallas, Texas, she made a spur-of-the-moment decision to join the WAC, and did so with such speed that she was the first girl to enlist in the WAC in Dallas after Regular Army recruiting began.

In October of last year she went to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training and clerk-typist school, and after ten weeks there, she was assigned to Letterman, thus getting to California after all, though not for a vacation. She is on duty here in the Registrar's office, and likes her work very much.

Marjorie is an avid football fan, and enjoys swimming, but dancing is her favorite diversion—not only ballroom dancing but also specialty dancing, particularly tap. She has done some professional dancing on the stage in Florida. Although she's been here only two weeks, she has already started piano lessons here on the spot, and is planing to take shorthand, too.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Special Services is preparing to sponsor a softball league for patients, with teams to represent individual wards. Games will be played every afternoon on the Letterman parade ground, and the first practice period will be held on Monday afternoon. Those interested should just bring themselves to the field—all equipment will be furnished.

Though Recruit **Harry Gross** says he has been a sharpshooting hunter in his home state of Minnesota since he was ten years old, he is constantly taking a ribbing from his fellow patients on ward E-2 because he is in the hospital as the result of a misadventure with a rifle while on duty at Fort Ord. Harry takes all gags with a laugh, and says he can wheelchair his way away from it all.

It is said that Corporal **Alfred Jackson,** patient on ward 31, has made up his mind to take that fatal step, and these days he is busy improvising changes on the song "I've Got a Gal in Galveston." His song has to be about a gal from "Philadelphi-ay."

The anglers among the patients will be interested to know that the Commanding General has approved a plan to charter a small boat to take out fishing parties one day each week. Special Services is sponsoring the project and fishermen should sign up for the first trip, tentatively set for Wednesday of this coming week.

Sergeant **Harold E. Thacker,** patient on ward 41, is busy in the Occupational Therapy shop making a bathroom shelf of modern design. He is using a combination of wood and plexiglass.

Frank Ziebinski of San Francisco, veteran who is a patient on ward K-3, has plenty of time to think these days, since an operation on his jaw has left him temporarily unable to talk much without discomfort. "I was broken down when I came here eight weeks ago," he says, "but they're going to send me out like brand-new."

Tomororw, 3 April, the Army YMCA all-day trip will take patients and duty personnel across the Golden Gate Bridge to see the big redwood trees in Muir Woods. Busses leave the "Y" at 10 a. m. and those who make the trip are asked to bring their own box lunch.

George Hollister, retired lieutenant colonel who is a patient on ward E-1, has his own way of removing a cast, and people keep telling him that he'll soon need a magnifying glass to see the cast if he keeps chipping away at it at his present rate.

Fred W. Lewis, veteran patient on ward K-3, says his home town is "just the U. S. Army." However, since his retirement he and his family have lived on Luzon, in the Philippines, and he's more than anxious to get back there just as soon as possible.

Private **William Ballard** of Big Springs, Texas, and Private First Class **Robert Conner** of Alpine, Texas, are in beds side by side on ward K-3, thus giving them plenty of opportunity to talk about Texas and work out new slogans to boost their home state. Ballard, who was on duty in Germany until he came to Letterman as a patient in January, is currently reading a book titled "Wild West," which he heartily recommends.

Private First Class **Peter Ascencio,** patient on ward 41, has been doing some exceptionally clever work in copper tooling, and is especially good on faces.

Sergeant **Samuel Gregory,** patient on ward K-3, has recently returned from duty in Korea. He is hoping to have a chance to go home to Collinsville, Alabama, before he returns to duty, so he can see his wife Edgie Lee and his daughter Emma Jean. Meanwhile, when mail time comes round, he's pretty sure to get news from home from them.

Sergeant **Thomas Sloane** of ward M-2 is working on a hooked rug in the O.T. shop which ought to be one of his prize possessions when it's completed.

Clifford Sutherland, veteran patient on ward K-1, says he was just an innocent bystander when the fight was going on, but he's the one who got hit over the head, and as a result he's now here as a patient. To remind himself that things are calm and peaceful somewhere, he's working on an enormous jigsaw puzzle that portrays a tranquil country scene.

ON THE SPOT



ABEL J. WINSER
Private First Class

Travel is what Pfc. Abel Winser likes, and travel is what he's been getting since he joined the Army. Seven of his nine years in the service have been spent overseas, and during that time he served both in Europe and in the Pacific area. At present he is in the Information Office here at Letterman, but when his enlistment is up in May, he hopes to re-enlist for transport duty or duty in Europe, since his appetite for travel is still strong.

He was born in Inez, Texas, grew up in Cuero, Texas, and joined the Army in 1939, after he finished high school. His first duty assignment was at Hickam Field, Hawaii, with the 7th Air Force, on the ground maintenance crew. He was in the Islands at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, and except for a furlough in the States in 1943, served in the Pacific area until he returned home for discharge in 1944. He took part in the Battle of Midway and in the invasion of the Marshalls.

After seven months of civilian life, "Tex" re-enlisted, this time in the Medical Corps, and was then stationed in Germany for two years. He visited several other European countries while he was there. He returned last year as a patient, and was hospitalized at Brooke General Hospital for a short time before before being assigned to duty at Letterman last August. He was in Physical Reconditioning Branch and in the postoffice locator section before beginning work in the Information Office.

His main off-duty pastimes are sports, with swimming, boxing and football topping the list.

CIVIL CIRCLES

"Civilian Personnel News Letter" is the title of a new publication containing material of interest to civilian employees. A circulating copy and a reference copy of the news letter are available in the Letterman Library. The publication is issued at intervals of approximately one month by the Civilian Personnel Division, Office of the Secretary of the Army, and carries articles on pending legislation, the relationship of the civilian employee to the Army, and similar material.

Bill Fujita of Finance was proudly introducing his daughter, Lois, age four months, to his friends at Letterman this week. Lois was accompanied on her visit here by her mother and brother, Allen.

Emily Knepp of theh Dental Clinic found herself with five dollars in cash money one day of this week, but she hastened to add, only because it was pay day.

A slight case of the measles kept **Madeleine Rose** of the Chaplain's office confined to her home this past week but she assures us that she will be on duty bright and early Monday morning.

"Pat" Patterson of the Sick & Wounded office is receiving many compliments on her lovely short hair-do.

From Brooke General Hospital comes the news of the arrival of a baby boy born to Mrs. **Raymond Blohm, Jr.,** formerly **Betty Bull** of the Laboratory Section. The baby has been named **Raymond Blohm, III.**

Mildred Tayloe of the EENT Clinic is reluctantly bidding her friends goodbye this week and will visit with relatives in Georgia and Kentucky prior to her departure for Germany with her husband, Captain **Leon T. Tayloe.** Mildred will also visit a former Lettermanite, Mrs. **Jane Lee,** at Valley Forge General Hospital in Phoenixville, Pa., before sailing from New York in June.

"Ace" Guth, Ward B-1, was among the many who attended The Newspaper Frolic at the Civic Auditorium last week end and enjoyed the entertainment, in which many movie celebrities participated.

Fred Crawford, Dental Clinic, paid a visit to Letterman last week to visit with friends.

James N. Liles has taken up the duties of a physical recreation instructor in Physical Medicine Service and **Anna M. Renfro** is the latest addition to Medical Service.

SHE'S LEAVING SOON FOR FIVE MONTHS OF TRAVEL IN EUROPE



Major ANNE K. PILEGARD
Who retired from the Army Nurse Corps this week.

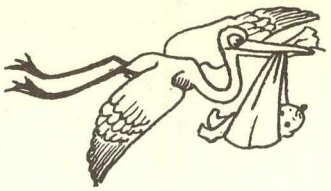
Major Anne K. Pilegard, ANC, who is retiring from the Army this week after nearly 24 years in the Army Nurse Corps, has three tours of duty at Letterman to her credit. She served as an Army nurse in both World War I and II. During recent weeks she has been on leave, busy with plans and preparations for her forthcoming trip to Europe —applying for her passport, buying new clothes, sub-letting her apartment in the Marina and selling her car—so that all will be in readiness for her departure late in April.

She will be sailing with her aunt and uncle, and she plans to visit another uncle in Denmark. She will be away for five months, and intends to visit a number of other European countries, including Norway, Sweden, Holland, England, Scotland, Switzerland, France and Germany. She has been in Denmark only once before, when she was a child; then during World War I she served in France with the ANC.

Major Pilegard was born in Fresno, California, and studied nursing there at the Burnett Sanitarium Training School for Nurses. She first joined the Army in June, 1918, then after returning from overseas duty, received her discharge and did civilian nursing in veterans hospitals and for the Public Health Service until she again joined the ANC here at Letterman in 1926. She was here for two years at that time, and was back for two years beginning in 1936.

Her present tour of duty here began in August 1946. She has served in Hawaii and the Philippines, and among the other stations at which she has served are Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Meade, Md., Fort Eustis, Va. (where she was chief nurse), and Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va.

Major Pilegard says she "always had a good time" in the Army, and she expects to continue having one now that she's beginning a life of leisure. She will make her home in San Francisco, and on her way back here after she returns from Europe she intends to buy a new car to drive home. She says she's making a mental note to be sure not to spend **too** much money on the trip, so she'll have enough left to get the car.



19 March

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Kenneth W. Wilkinson, a boy, **Charles David.**

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Frank Edward Holt, a boy, **Stanley Manning.**

To Corporal and Mrs. James W. Conway, a boy, **James Welmer, Jr.**

To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Ernest Kruse, a girl, **Teresa Jay.**

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph H. Thompson, a boy, **Donald Steven.**

20 March

To Corporal and Mrs. Joseph John Deaser, Jr., a boy, **Joseph John III.**

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John Louis Pepper, a girl, **Mary Ann.**

21 March

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Harvey Eugene Baer, a boy, **Leslie Michael.**

To Sergeant and Mrs. George Morris Cousart, a girl, **Sherri Louise.**

22 March

To Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond Charles Neuendorf, a girl, **Susan Rae.**

To Private and Mrs. Doyle Paul Phillips, a girl, **Linda Diana.**

To Corporal and Mrs. John L. Finch, a girl, **Shirley.**

23 March

To Captain and Mrs. William Byrd Hale, a girl, **Pamela Cheryl.**

To Private First Class and Mrs. Leonard Edward Dickson, a girl, **Linda Kay.**

24 March

To Private First Class and Mrs. Harlen Rumage, a boy, **Danny Ray.**

To Corporal and Mrs. William McKinley Cathron, a boy, **William McKinley, Jr.**

Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for places on the softball team to represent Letterman in the Army-Navy league this summer will be held on the Letterman parade ground every day beginning 4 April at 1630. Plans are being made to enter the team in San Francisco Recreation League for games under the lights on local playgrounds.

Lieut. Ray Lehman, who has led the Letterman team to two championships in the past two years, will again manage the team.

Candidates are welcome and invited to appear for the tryouts.

MEDICAL DETACH

Boxing enthusiasts will be happy to learn that our Special Services has secured Corporal **Pat Nappi** to assist in developing that sport at Letterman. Corporal Nappi trained and helped coach the 6th Army boxing team for the past season, and is well qualified to assist our representatives to work their way into the 6th Army Championships.

Candidates interested in track and field sports are advised there are spots open on the Letterman team. Drop in at Special Services and discuss the matter with Lieut. **Otsea.**

Master Sergeant **John A. O'Neal,** who reported for duty at Letterman last week, has been assigned to the Information and Education office. He has just completed a 13-month tour of duty on a similar assignment at Brooke General Hospital. Already he and his family are comfortably settled in Richmond, and Sergeant O'Neal is on the way to becoming a confirmed commuter.

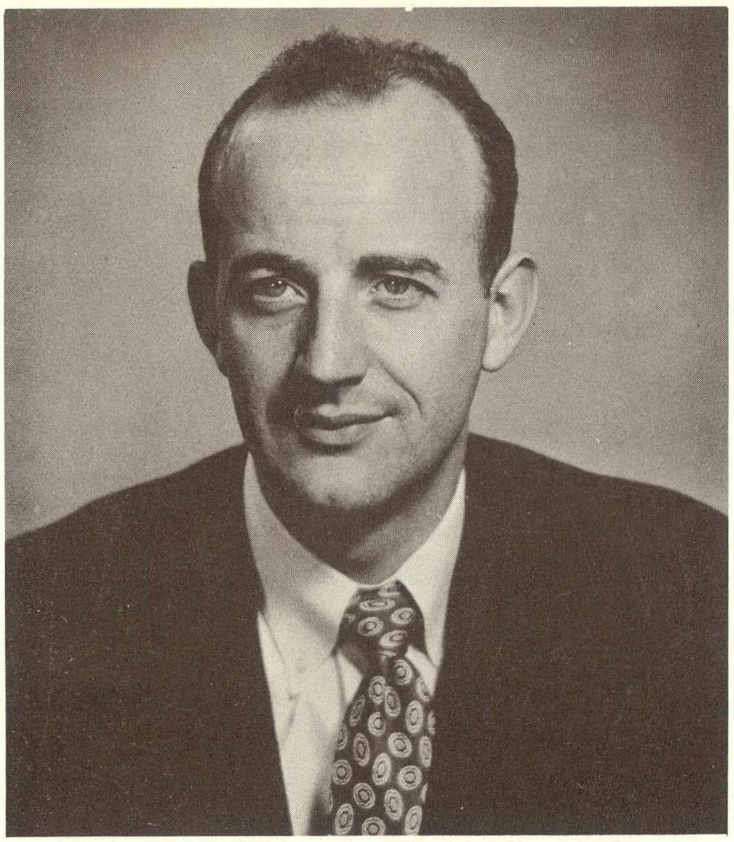
Sergeant **John Price,** who was recently assigned to duty in the Information Office, works the 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. shift, but that's the way he likes it, because that's the shift he requested. Though it's dark when he's on duty, he's never "in the dark" when it comes to answering questions.

Master Seregant **David Ransom** of Custodial Service is the proud owner of a 1949 Hudson. It's quite a changeover from the old wartime jeep, and that makes the sergeant a very happy man.

Two Lettermanites were married recently in a ceremony at the San Francisco City Hall. The groom was Sergeant **Richard Scallen** of Hospital Service Branch and his bride was Miss **Helen Kirk** of ward H-1. The wedding was attended by a number of relatives and friends.

Master Sergeant **Delbert Eckstein,** formerly of the Registar's office, is now assistant first sergeant to Master Sergeant **Orlin Oxenrider.** Master Sergeant **Robert Walsh** has taken over Sergeant Eckstein's duties in the office of the Registrar.

STAGE SHOWS, RADIO, TELEVISION DONE BY THE WIGHTS WHO WRITES



DALE WIGHTS
Does both "tell-a-mike" and television shows.

Dale Wights, who has been an announcer-writer on the staff of Letterman's radio station KLGH since July 1946, and has ad libbed his way through many a KLGH show, is now standing firmly on the ground floor of Bay Area television, playing a comedy character on the Bill Baldwin show over KPIX.

A coat big enough for two, a bow tie that waves in the breeze and a hat that has seen better days, plus a "What's wrong with Wights?" facial expression, is Dale's visible equipment for vaudeville quips via television. Herewith a sample: He walks out scribbling. Asked what he's doing, he replies "I'm writing a mystery story." "What's the name of the mystery?" asks Bill Baldwin. Says Dale: It's called "Tony's Mother Has Locked Him in the Closet, or—Toni's Home Permanent."

This program, which was the first live talent show televised in San Francisco, has now been going on since January. Lettermanites can see it on Thursday evenings at 8 p. m. on the television set in the East Hospital Service Club.

Dale, who was born in Endicott, Wash., has lived in San Francisco since he was seven. He was in the Navy during the war and was stationed at Treasure Island and at a number of East Coast stations, including Boston, Newport, Providence and Fall River. Later he was aboard the USS Hancock, an Essex-type carrier, in the Pacific, and participated in action in the Philippines, at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Wake Island and Tokyo. Dale put on stage shows between battles, and did more than 100 shows for the Red Cross during the war, writing the material for long variety shows on mighty short notice.

In 1942 Dale and Bill Baldwin met on a golf course and they have been working together on various radio shows ever since, among them "Breakfast on Nob Hill" and "Meet Me at the Movies." Last week Dale started a new record show, "Wights' House," over the Letterman station. It is broadcast Monday through Friday at 1 p. m.

He and his wife Pat have their own home in Berkeley, complete with vegetable and flower garden, and they are the proud parents of two-year-old Randy, otherwise Dale Randolph Wights. As Dale senior puts it, "Randy is the only child—until next month!"

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Now that Spring is definitely with us, Sergeant First Class **James Mitchell** is making plans to spend his spare time out on the Bay catching all the big fish that are foolish enough to come his way.

Corporal **Ruby M. James** became a bridegroom while on a ten-day leave in Los Angeles, and since his bride is still in L. A., he is complaining a good deal about the distance between here and there.

The Hospital Train Section painter, Corporal **John E. David,** is keeping busy these days getting the headquarters building outfitted with a new coat of paint. He gets good supervision from his helper, "Queenie."

Corporal **Welton Sessums** is at present a patient at Letterman, and we're hoping for his speedy recovery.

The love bug has caught up with Private First Class **Russell Coffey,** but he won't tell us when the happy event is to take place.

Private First Class **Edward Caruso** and Private **Walter Lemar** are taking a patient to South Carolina in the near future, and both will have a ten-day delay en route.

Corporal **Robert B. Bowman,** Private First Class **John L. Bruce** and Private First Class **Orin G. Pruner** are due to depart any day now on a trip to Los Angeles.

Corporal **James H. McElreath** has just returned from Little Rock, Arkansas, with a few days' stopover in Oklahoma.

Private **Carl Thomason,** who went on a trip to Alabama, will spend ten days in Hot Springs, Arkansas, his home town, before returning to duty, and Private First Class **Angel Gonzales** and Private First Class **Pablo Zavala** are back from their Kansas trip.

It's beginning to look like Private First Class **Alfred Brignac** has found the one and only. He can be found almost any time carrying on long and ardent conversations in the phone booth.

Army Given Job of Land Transportation In Unification Move

Washington (AFPS)—The responsibility for all military land transportation has been assigned to the Department of the Army, marking another forward step in the unification of the Armed Forces, Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal has announced.

The major policy change was recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff following a recent study of land-transport problems ordered earlier by Mr. Forrestal. A similar action to make the Navy responsible for all military sea transportation was taken in December, 1948.

Under terms of the new measure, all highway railroad, pipeline and inland-waterway transportation used by the three Armed Services becomes the responsibility of the Army. The order will not affect commercial land transportation.

Mr. Forrestal explained that "pending further study" each military department will continue to make arrangements with commercial carriers for its respective transportation needs. The Army, however, will make plans and provide personnel and equipment for the operation of land transport in overseas areas occupied by two or more Services.

SPORT SHORTS

Tucson, Ariz. (AFPS) — Lou Boudreau, manager of the World Champion Cleveland Indians, has banned the use of private automobiles for his players during the remainder of spring training. Boudreau issued the drastic order after noting the recent number of auto accidents involving major league players.

West Point, N. Y. (AFPS)—Russell P. (Red) Reeder, once a protege of John McGraw and the New York Giants baseball club, has been named as the coach of the Army plebe baseball team. Reeder received a tryout with the Giants in 1928, but gave up baseball for an Army career.

College Park, Md. (AFPS)—Maryland and Michigan, oft associated as football powers, meet in baseball this season for the first time in history.

New York (AFPS) — Roads, which have been treated as hazards throughout golf's American history, are no longer in that classification as a result of a recent change in the Rules of Golf made by the United States Golf Association. The new rule will be in effect for all 1949 tournaments.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Combined Armed Forces strength, including cadets and midshipmen in training, was estimated at 1,663,600 on February 28. This figure is approximately 5,000 lower than the January 31 total.

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The duty tour on the Berlin Airlift will be three years for personnel accompanied by families, and two years for those without families, beginning May 1.

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Army personnel who have received permanent WO appointments in the Air Force must transfer to that Service by July 1.

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The Air Force has reduced enlistment quotas for April and May from 5,000 to 4,000 for each month.

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The Army has ordered 90,000 pair of suspenders for wear with Arctic clothing. Belts were found inadequate to support heavy Arctic trousers.

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The Army and Air Force are studying elimination of certain items from clothing and equipage allowances as an economy measure. Items slated for deletion have not been announced.

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The Air Force has advised personnel that each individual should keep a private "201 file" for his convenience and protection. It should contain marriage, birth and adoption records, papers relating to divorces and deaths, and other vital documents.

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The Navy's traditional custom of saluting only when wearing headgear has been relaxed to permit Navy officers to exchange salutes with members of other Services "when failure to do so would cause embarrassment or misunderstanding." Members of the Army and Air Force salute when uncovered as well as when covered.

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The Air Force is studying plans for adoption of the new blue uniform for female personnel. At present, the new uniform officially is authorized only for male personnel.

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Three technicolor films designed to explain the relationship between science and religion will form the basis of a religious-educational program planned for 49 bases of the Air Force's Continental Air Command.

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The son of any Navy or Marine Corps officer, warrant officer, petty or non-commissioned officer, may apply for a $600 scholarship offered by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Civilian component officers for whom orders have not been issued will not be called to duty by the Army under Section 7, Selective Service Act. This Section provides that officers with less than 90 days active duty may be recalled for 21 months.

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The Chief of Naval Operations has directed transfer of the Naval Air Pacific Command Headquarters from Pearl Harbor to San Diego, Calif.

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Two measures aimed at strengthening national security have been approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee. One authorizes operation of the Central Intelligence Agency. The other prohibits disclosure of methods and techniques used in transmitting coded messages.

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Printed copies of the Army's daily Special Orders will not be furnished in the future to persons who have received extract copies. Properly authenticated extract copies will carry full authority

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The Army will place Camp Pickett, Va., and Camp Breckinridge, Ky., on inactive status on July 15.

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Food Career promotions of last December caused considerable change in the Army's grade structure. A total of 393 men moved from grade two to one; 1,058 moved from grade three to two; 2,652 moved from grade four to three. In the five months of Career Plan operation, 30,253 men have been promoted from grade six to five.

Royall Urges Vets To Re-up in Reserve

Washington (AFPS)—Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall recently called upon all former members of the Armed Forces to re-enlist in the Organized Reserve for the "safety of the nation."

Mr. Royall's appeal marks the beginning of a campaign to bring total membership in the Army Reserve to 500,000 enlisted men.

The Army at the same time disclosed plans to place about 80,000 Reservists from 2,500 units on active duty training this summer—15 days for each unit, extending from May to September. Regular Army personnel will act as instructors in the six Army areas, it was announced.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: May I complete grade school under the G-I Bill?

Anwers: Yes.

Question: Are veterans eligible for medical treatment while going to school under the G-I Bill?

Answer: The B-I Bill makes no special provisions for medical treatment, except the payment of customary fees in a school which, in some cases, include certain medical services for all students.

Question: What are the conditions of eligibility for rehabilitation under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16)?

Answer: A disabled veteran must have had active service on or after September 16, 1940, and before July 25, 1947, with a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. He also must have a compensable service-conected disability incurred in or aggravated by such service. He must be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of his disability.

Question: I am a World War I veteran and was discharged from the U. S. Army in 1938. I would like to know if I am eligible for the education, readjustment allowance and guaranty loan provisions of the G-I Bill?

Answer: No. Benefits of the G-I Bill are available only to World War II veterans.

Question: I intend to enter school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. When should I apply for my certificate of eligibility?

Answer: If you wish to enter training under the G-I Bill you should apply for your certificate of eligibility at least 30 days before the enrollment date.

Question: On what priority basis is a World War I veteran admitted to a Veterans Administration hospital?

Answer: Emergency cases have first priority; those suffering from injuries incurred in or aggravated by wartime service are next on the priority list, and those who swear they are unable to pay hospital charges for nonservice-connected disabilities or illnesses are third. The latter must wait until a bed is available.

Mama passed her driver's test,
Mama's feeling regal;
She can dent a fender now,
And everything is legal!

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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ARMY DAY

General Clark's Message for Army Day, 1949

General Mark W. Clark, commandant of the Sixth Army, sends the following message on this year's observance of Army Day in the Sixth Army area:

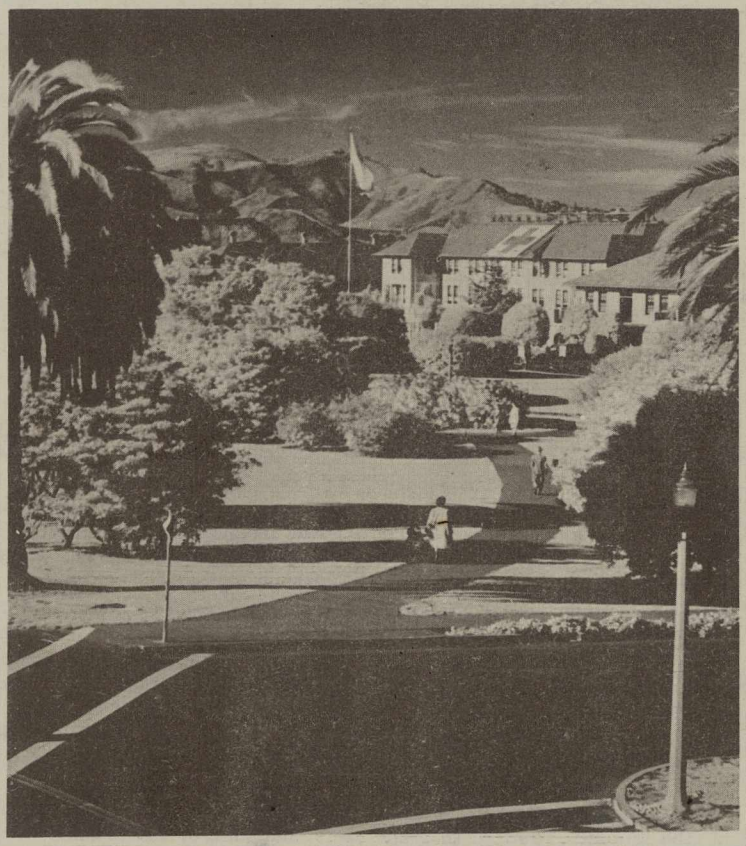
On the occasion of this year's observance of Army Day, the Army again reports to the citizens of our Nation. In order to afford our fellow citizens the greatest opportunity to join with us this year, the majority of Army Day observances in the Sixth Army Area will be held on Saturday, April 9, rather than the traditional date of April 6.

Again the general public is invited to visit military establishments throughout the Sixth Army Area, where "open house" and special programs have been planned. These open house activities will be especially designed to show the public all phases of the daily life of our Sixth Army soldiers, and the equipment and material with which they train.

It is customary for the Nation on Army Day to recall the heroic deeds in war and the peacetime achievements that our Army and its members have always performed in the highest traditions of service. Our victories and achievements reflect the coordinated efforts of all members of our Armed Forces—the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and the civilians on the home front forging the weapons for victory. Without teamwork our past accomplishments would never have been achieved.

It was especially gratifying to me to be chosen by the Secretary of Defense to spearhead the Armed Forces Unification program in the nine Western states. With the cooperation of the Navy and the Air Force we are making considerable progress. Several projects in this pioneer program are already in operation and many others are under study.

Once again in 1949 the Army will be on review before its sponsors—the American people, without whose full confidence and active support there can be no effective security force.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Letterman General Hospital

Letterman's Welcome to Army Day Visitors

Letterman welcomes visitors today to the Army Day celebration at the Presidio by holding Open House for the public from 2 to 4 p. m. Guests will be met at the front door of the Administration Building by members of the WAC detachment who will tell them about the history and the mission of the hospital, and twenty men from the Medical Detachment will act as guides for a tour of the hospital.

Among the points of interest to be visited on the tour are a general ward, the library and central mess, the bowling alley, gymnasium, swimming pool and the recreation center.

The Letterman Open House is a part of the all-day observance of Army Day to be held at the Presidio from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. Included are over 48 exhibits of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine troops and Coast Guard activities and equipment. An Air Force plane will scan the Bay Area and televise to a screen in the Signal Corps exhibit.

Several band concerts will be given by the Sixth Army Band and the Letterman Band. Two parades are scheduled. Air fly-by missions by Naval Air units at Alameda Naval Air Station and Air Force units at Hamilton Field are scheduled before the retreat parade.

The events will culminate in the retreat parade and decoration ceremony at 4:30 p. m., at which time General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, will speak.

Letterman Hospital and the Man Whose Name It Honors

Just as the United States Army functions as "Part of the Team—for Security," so Letterman General Hospital is an integral part of the Medical Department team whose mission is the care of the sick and wounded. For more than half a century the mission of this hospital has been carried out in such a manner as to earn for Letterman the compliment of being called "the best hospital in the Army," and "the hospital with a soul."

Toady, which marks the annual observance of Army Day, we recount some of the events in the history of this Army general hospital whose personnel work continually to carry on in the tradition of the highest aims and accomplishments of the medical profession.

Letterman was first known as the U. S. Army General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, and its establishment as a general hospital was under General Order No. 182, from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, dated 1 December 1898. Shortly after the Spanish-American war was declared on 21 April 1898, 22,000 troops were sent to California en route to the Philippines, and Colonel J. V. D. Middleton, then chief surgeon of the Department of California, anticipating an influx of sick on the return ships from Manila, recommended to The Surgeon General that a general hospital of 500 beds be constructed at some suitable point. The Surgeon General directed that plans, specifications and estimates be prepared.

The present Presidio site for the general hospital was fixed upon and construction contracts were let early in 1899. The cost was $113,339 for a pavilion type hospital designed to accommodate 400 patients. The original personnel of the hospital consisted of six medical officers, 23 contract female nurses and 85 enlisted men of the Hospital Corps. After the new buildings were completed, which was in July 1899, the plant was staffed with 19 officers, 158 enlisted men and 37 female nurses. First commanding officer of the hospital was Colonel Alfred C. Girard, who was in command until 1901.

In those days there were but three divisions of professional services—general medical, general surgical and venereal. The Eye, Eear, Nose and Throat Clinic was established in September 1899, and the Bacteriological and Pathological Laboratory was inaugurated at the end of the year.



Major JONATHAN LETTERMAN
11 December 1824—15 March 1872
Famed Civil War surgeon for whom Letterman General Hospital is named.

Shortly after the new hospital was organized the number of patients increased from 289 to 1046, and during its first year in operation the hospital received over 5000 patients. In 1904 an operating pavilion was added to the hospital at a cost of $22,000.

When thousands of San Franciscans were left homeless following the earthquake and fire in 1906, Letterman was thrown open to the sick and injured, and the hospital received high praise for its admirable emergency work during that time.

Under General Order No. 152, dated 23 November 1911, the U. S. Army General Hospital became Letterman General Hospital, named in honor of Major Jonathan Letterman, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. By that time the hospital was being used as a base hospital for the Philippines and Hawaii, a post hospital for the Presidio of San Francisco, and was the largest general hospital in the Army.

It seemed particularly fitting that a San Francisco hospital should be named in honor of Major Letterman, since he practiced medicine here after leaving the Army, and was also coroner of the city and county of San Francisco. He is credited with the accomplishment of complete reorganization of the field medical service, and the creation of an effective ambulance service for the evacuation of battle casualties. During the war between the States this organization functioned so effectively at Antietam and Gettysburg that it was adopted for use throughout the Union Army. The basic plan of field hospitalization and evacuation known as "the Letterman plan" had influenced that service in every modern Army.

Letterman made his home in San Francisco for six years following his resignation from the Army in 1866. He died here in March 1872, and the large attendance at his funeral from St. Mary's Cathedral was evidence of the public's appreciation of his distinguished Army service. He was buried in Lone Mountain cemetary, but in 1906 his remains were transferred to Washington to rest in Arlington Cemetery.

From 1911, when the hospital was re-named, until the beginning of World War I, annual admissions were in the vicinity of 3000. Then in 1917, following the declaration of war with Germany, Letterman became a 1200-bed hospital and was officially designated an orthopedic center, where amputation cases from the American Expeditionary Forces were treated. Letterman also became known as a psychiatric center during World War I.

The Army Nurse Corps, which became an integral part of the Medical Department in 1901, provided nearly 100 nurses for duty here during World War I, and the Red Cross established a Convalescent House here at that time.

Previous expansions of the facilities of Letterman to meet the emergencies of former wars seemed minor in the face of the swift increase following the Pearl Harbor attack on 7 December 1941. The hospital became a debarkation hospital for casualties from the Pacific Area. Annual admissions mounted, the bed capacity was increased to 3500, the facilities of a San Francisco civilian hospital were added to those at the Presidio, and during a single year, 1945, Letterman took care of a peak load of 72,000 patients. In one day, 20 October 1945, an all-time high in the number of admissions was established, when 1862 patients arrived. Of that number 991 were recovered American military personnel, known as RAMPS, who had been in enemy prison camps during the war.

As a debarkation hospital LGH functioned swiftly and efficiently in moving patients who arrived by ships and by air to hospitals near their home, while others remained here for further treatment.

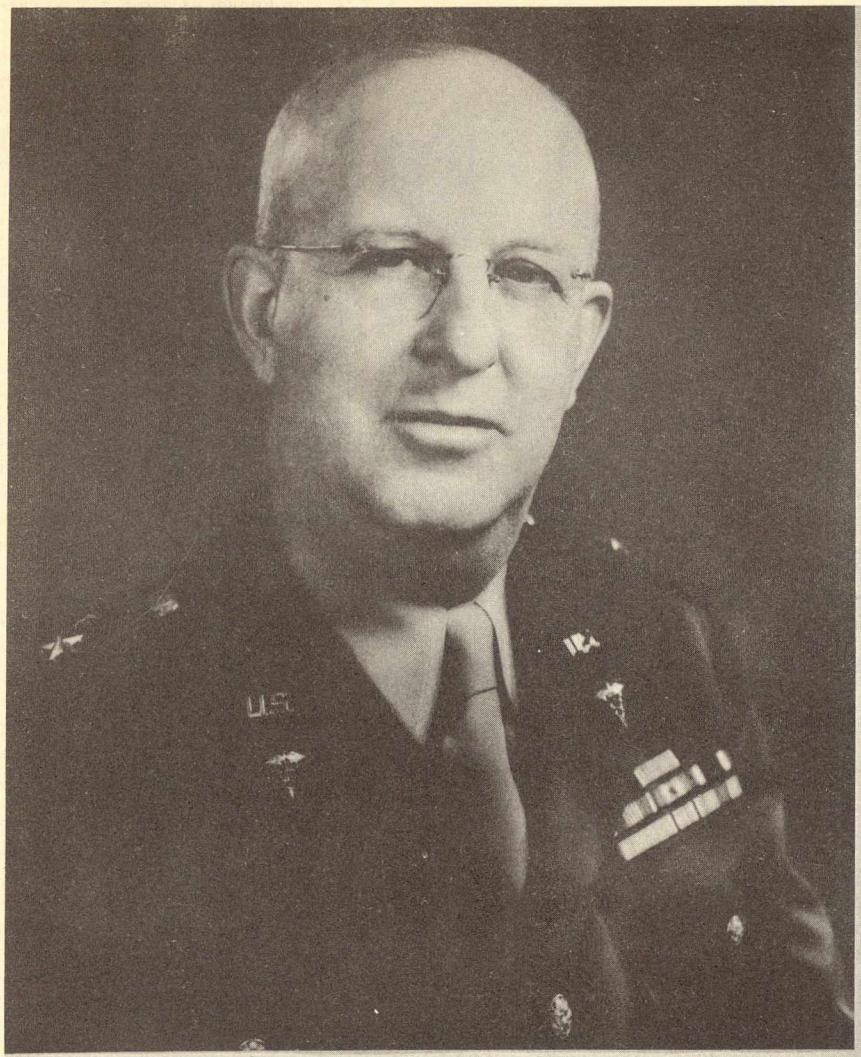
In November 1945, Letterman, having been a debarkation hospital for three years, reverted to the status of a general hospital for definitive treatment.

A list of the current professional services now in operation at Letterman serves to indicate the expansion of the hospital's activities in recent years. In May of 1948 the first director of Professional Services was appointed, Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, and under his guidance the following professional services function: Surgical, Medical Orthopedic, Out-Patient, Pediatric, Neuropsychiatric, EENT, Laboratory, Radiological, Physical Medicine, Dental and Nursing.

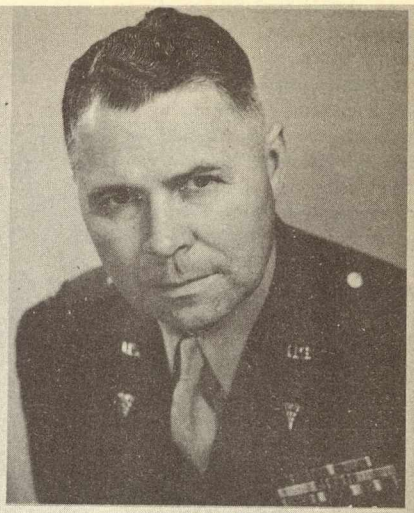
Letterman is one of a limited number of Army general hospitals which have been designated as residency training centers, where medical men are prepared by special training for American Specialty Board examinations. LGH has been approved for residency training by the American Medical Association

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The Commanding General and His Administrative Staff



Brigadier General FRANK L. COLE, MC
Commanding General



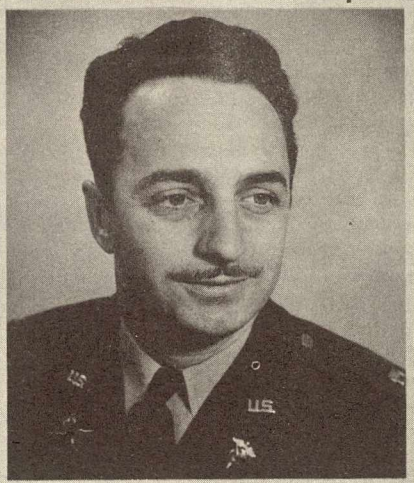
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Executive Officer



Lieut. Col.
WILLIAM L. BESWICK, IGD
Inspector General



Major
WENDELL B. PATTON, MSC
Adjutant



Captain
CHESLAR URBANICK, MSC
Asst. Adjutant

Hospital Train Section Welcomes Army Day Visitors

Hospital train hospitality will be a part of Army Day observance at Letterman today, when a hospital ward car and a kitchen car will be on view and open to the public at Crissy Field. Personnel on duty will be prepared to answer questions about the operation of the Hospital Train Section, according to Major Rex R. Huey, MSC, commanding officer of the section. Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, MC, Chief of Out-Patient Service at Letterman, is the medical officer in charge of the debarkation division of the Hospital Train Section.

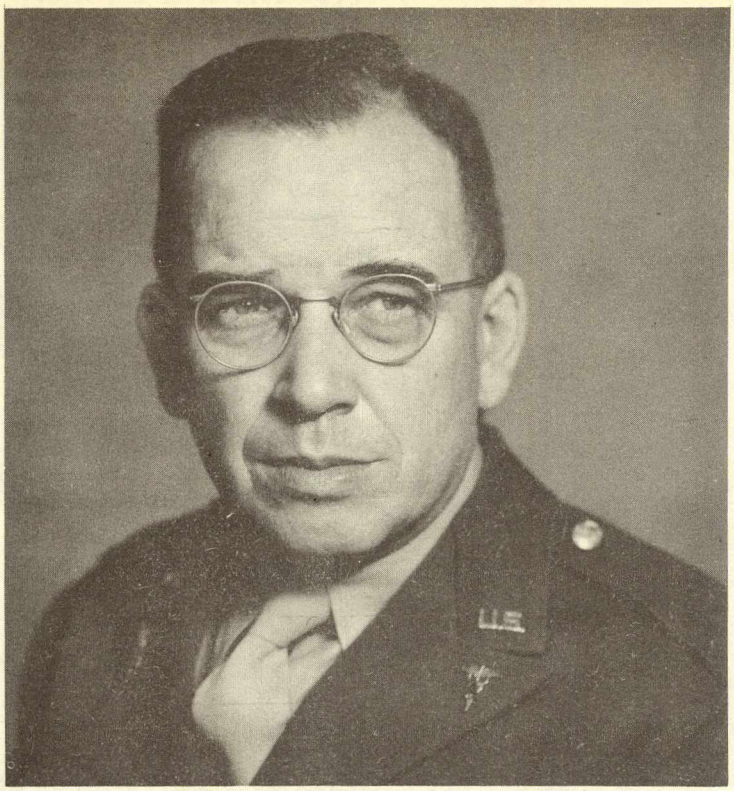
First authorized in July 1944, the Hospital Train Unit, as it was then designated, is a veritable "community on wheels," providing mobile wards on hospital trains by means of which patients arriving from overseas are moved to hospitals in various parts of the United States.

As first organized, the Unit functioned as the 1960 Service Command Unit, but in July 1946 it was redesignated as the 9956 Technical Service Unit, Surgeon General's Office, Letterman General Hospital (Hospital Train). At the same time the activities of the section were merged with those of the Evacuation Section of Letterman, and thereafter the mission of the section became threefold. It included the handling of overseas patients to and from Letterman; maintenance and operation of the hospitalization facilities of Crissy Annex of LGH, and the maintenance and operation of the hospital trains.

In August 1947 Letterman was designated the Headquarters Hospital Train Section in charge of hospital train movements on the East as well as on the West Coast, and the hospital train section at Camp Kilmer detachment, Hospital Train Section, Letterman General Hospital. Purpose of the consolidation was to conserve personnel.

The Army has 100 hospital unit cars, which are rotated when they are not all in use. Maintenance work is done by Hospital Train Section personnel, either here or at Camp Kilmer.

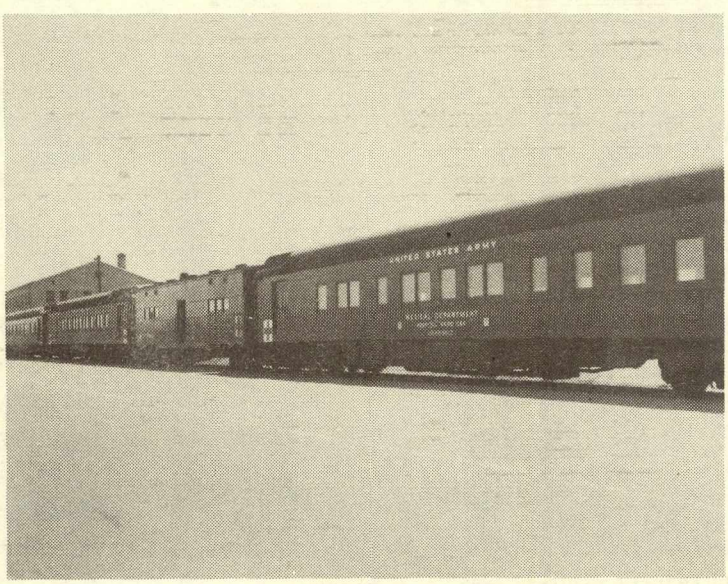
Each ward car contains 38 beds and is equipped with a kitchen, and there is storage space for both food and medical supplies, so that each car is self-sustaining. Normally the food put aboard the car when it leaves either Letterman or Camp Kilmer is sufficient for the entire trip, but sufficient cash is provided so that additional supplies may be bought en route in case of emergency.



Major REX R. HUEY, MSC
Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Section

As a general rule hospital personnel who accompany the patients to their destination include one medical officer for each destination, one Army nurse for each ward car, three medical attendants to assist the nurse in the care of the patients, and two mess personnel to do the cooking and serving of the food during the trip.

If five or more cars are traveling to a single destination the kitchen car is attached to the train and is used for the storage and preparation of food, since that has been found to be the most economical way of handling the food supplies.



HOSPITAL TRAIN
On siding near the hospital, all ready for loading.

When a hospital ship is due from overseas ports in the Pacific, the Hospital Train Section here is notified by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation as to the expected time of its arrival, and the port furnishes a breakdown of the types of patients aboard; i. e., litter, ambulatory or isolation cases, so that arrangements can be made for the necessary vehicles in which to bring the patients from the port to Letterman. The patients are brought to Crissy Annex, where they are housed in field wards pending decision as to their hospital destination.

The records on each patient are turned over to Hospital Train Section personnel at shipside, and upon the arrival of the patients at Crissy, a code is devised consisting of a combination of letters and numbers which indicate military and medical status of the patient and the section of the United States in which he prefers to be hospitalized. The list of patients and their code numbers are reported by teletype to the Medical Regulating officer in the Office of The Surgeon General, who determines where each patient is to be sent. In making this decision, every consideration is given to the preference of the patient.

Military patients are given partial pay as soon as possible after their arrival, and the Patients' Clothing Room furnishes them with any additional clothing they may need.

As soon as a reply is received from Washington as to the destination of the patients, special orders are issued directing their transfer to the various hospitals.

Arrangements are then made regarding the number of hospital cars needed and tentative departure dates and routings are determined. The Traffic Control Division in the Office of the Chief of Transportation in Washington is contacted by phone to obtain clearance for the move, and approval of the proposed routings.

When this has been accomplished a travel order for the hospital cars and duty personnel is issued and the trains then leave for their destinations.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



EIGHT NEW ANC CAPTAINS

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Commanding General, pins twin bars on the eight LGH nurses who were promoted to captain's rank this week. L to R: Captains Jennie Hendricks, Sue Harker, Hazel Belsit, Lydia Arnold, Isabell Kent, Kathleen Neely, Hazel Snowden, Mildred Cougill and Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse.



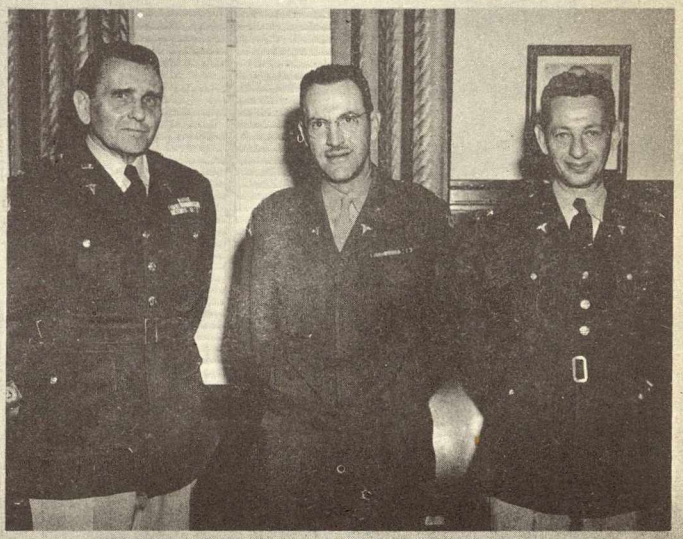
IT'S COLONEL SCHWARTZ NOW

And Mrs. Jack W. Schwartz had the honor of pinning the eagles on her husband's shoulders when he received the insignia of his new rank this week in an informal ceremony in the office of the Commanding General.



A BON VOYAGE PARTY

was given last week in Out-Patient Service in honor of Major Anne Pilegard, ANC, head nurse on the service, who is retiring from the Army and will leave shortly on a trip to Europe. Lieut. Col. Aloysius T. Waskowicz, MC, looks on while Major Pilegard cuts her cake.



NOW PERMANENT COLONELS

L to R: Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, Colonel Jack W. Schwartz and Colonel Wendell A. Weller, LGH officers who were advanced to the grade of permanent colonel in the Medical Corps at a ceremony held Monday in the Commanding General's office.

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EDITORIAL

A PRAYER FOR ARMY DAY

O Eternal God, who art a shield and buckler to all who put their trust in Thee, bless us, Thy servants, and the Army in which we serve:

Lead us and guide us by Thy good spirit, strengthen and defend us by Thy might, that we may be to our land a sure defense against every enemy:

Support us in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep us safe from all evil:

Endow us with courage and loyalty, and grant that in all things we may serve Thee and our country without reproach:

Let the light of Thy countenance, O God, shine upon our comrades departed, that they may go on from strength to strength in Thy Heavenly Kingdom:

Strengthen us in our resolve to keep faith with all patriots and comrades-in-arms by fearlessly maintaining our liberties so nobly won:

Grant us Thy help, O God, that we, the members of the United States Army, may valiantly fulfill our role in the Armed Forces of our country as a sure, strong arm for National Defense and a power for the establishment of a just and lasting peace. Amen.—By Major General LUTHER D. MILLER, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army.



Congratulations go this week to eight members of the Army Nurse Corps who received promotions to the rank of Captain. Their new bars were pinned on Tuesday morning by Brigadier General **Frank L. Cole** in an informal ceremony in his office. Lieut. Col. **Elsie Schneider,** Chief Nurse, was present, and joined the commanding general in congratulating each of the nurses on her promotion. The new captains are: **Hazel I. Snowden, Lydia Arnold, Kathleen F. Neely, Jennie K. Kendricks, Sue W. Harker, Isabell M. Kent, Mildren N. Cougill** and **Hazel Belsit.**

First Lieut. **Gertrude L. Shaffer,** WMSC, of Physical Therapy, was pleasantly surprised last Friday afternoon when her co-workers had a homemade cake and coffee birthday party for her. Her birthday was on Saturday, but the advance celebration was held because she was spending the weekend with friends down the Peninsula.

First Lieut. **Mary Beck,** WMSC, of Occupational Therapy, said goodbye to Letterman this week, and will be leaving this weekend for her new duty station—Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Welcomed back to LGH this week was First Lieut. **Myrtle Cayard,** ANC, just returned from duty at the 118th Station Hospital in Japan. Lieutenant Cayard was stationed here before she went overseas in 1947.

Two newcomers who were welcomed to the ANC ranks this week are former Army nurses who have been in civilian life for awhile—First Lieut. **Lila D. Soto** of Cambria, California, and First Lieut. **Lillian N. Ecker** of Compton, California.

Four of the nurses took advantage of the sunny weekend weather and enjoyed brief journeys to the south. Major **Bessie Fullbright** went to Palo Alto and San Jose; First Lieut. **Alice Epke** and Captain **Anne Foster** to Carmel, and Captain **Burnette Drumm** to Santa Barbara.

First Lieut. **Eleanor Prescott,** ANC, and First Lieut. **Margaret Williams, ANC,** reported to Camp Stoneman this week and will be leaving for duty in Korea.

WAC

Ten members of the WAC detachment will be on duty today—Army Day—to welcome Open House visitors and to assist in serving refreshments at the recreation center. Those who will receive visitors are Master Sergeant **Opal Glenn,** Sergeant **Anne Benich,** Sergeant **Dorothy Guy** and Sergeant **Evelyn Meadows.** The group to be on duty at the recreation center includes Sergeant **Pauline Smith,** Sergeant **Loie Silsby,** Master Sergeant **Nellie Johnsen,** Corporal **Joan Webster,** Corporal **Leatris Lamascus** and Sergeant **Mildred Ulisse.**

The detachment said farewell this week to two members who left for overseas duty. Sergeant **Bessie Jeffries** will go to Germany, and Corporal **Fay Lavagnino** to the Far East Command.

Sergeant **Pauline Smith** likes the typing classes here on the post so well she even regrets the necessity for the Spring school vacation, and says she is looking forward to the time two weeks hence when classes will be resumed.

Sergeant First Class **Marjorie Burns,** former Lettermanite who returned to civilian life last year, is back in the WAC and about to go overseas to Tokyo. She spent a few days this week as the guest of Hannah Goldberg (formerly Sergeant Goldberg) of the Information and Education office, and while in San Francisco she stopped in to see her friends here at Letterman.

Sergeant **Loie Silsby** had a three-day pass this week and spent a good deal of the time shopping for clothes, in preparation for her return to civilian life.

Four Letterman WACs were at Fort Ord on temporary duty the first part of the week participating in the Sixth Army Preliminary Bowling Tournament. Those who went were Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** First Lieut. **Frances Harllee,** Sergeant First Class **Eleanor Eaton** and Sergeant First Class **Lestie Roach.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 10, April, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Three Letterman Officers Become Permanent Colonels

At an informal ceremony in the office of the Commanding General on Monday three officers of the Medical Department were advanced to the grade of permanent colonel in the Medical Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel James N. Mackin, acting Executive Officer, read the order announcing the promotions, and insignia of the grade —the gift of the Officers Club— were presented to Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, Colonel Jack W. Schwartz, and Colonel Wendell A. Weller. Colonel Litteral and Colonel Weller have been temporary colonels since 1944.

The Commanding General graciously yielded to Mrs. Schwartz the honor of pinning the insignia of the advanced grade on the shoulder loop of Colonel Schwartz and the new permanent colonels received the congratulations of all attending the ceremony.

In addition to General Cole, others present were Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services, Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, Chief of Orthopedic Service, Colonel James O. Gillespie, Chief of the Medical Service, Colonel Earl Maxwell, Chief of EENT Service, and Major Wendell B. Patton, Adjutant.

To Washington

Colonel James B. Stapleton, Executive Officer, left for Washington on Sunday morning to attend a series of lectures on Atomic Medicine to be given at the Army Medical Center. He will return early next week.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY ANNE DUNPHY
Private

They say it's lucky when your initials spell a word, and Private Mary Anne Dunphy's initials do just that. The word is "mad," and you can imagine Mary Anne being mad "about" something or someone, but not mad "at"—not with that twinkle in her eye that seems to say she doesn't take life too seriously.

Mary Anne says she enlisted in the Army because she wanted to try something new, and so far the occupation is new and so are the surroundings. She was born in Clyde, Kansas, and lived there until she finished high school. After that she lived and worked in two other towns in her home state, Manhattan and Wichita. She likes variety in her work, and has indulged her liking to the extent of finding jobs in such off-the-beaten-track occupations as upholstering and silver-and-nickel plating, both of which she says she found very interesting.

Last October she decided to try life in the Army, and enlisted in the WAC for a two-year period. Since that time she has been at Camp Lee, Virginia, where she had both basic training and an en eight-week course of training as clerk-typist. Upon completion of her courses she was assigned to duty at Letterman, and she says she was very much pleased to be sent to California. She is now working as secretary on ward M-1, and is in the process of acquiring an extensive medical vocabulary as fast as possible. She is taking a shorthand course here on the post to work up her speed in taking dictation.

Her favorite off-duty pastime is horseback riding, with dancing and bowling competing for second place.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Recruit **Sabino Tafoya,** patient on ward K-3, was over at the Army "Y" last week watching his buddy, Private First Class **Leroy Jones,** patient on ward 2, who was having a swim in the pool. He suddenly realized that Jones, who describes himself as "just learning to swim" was having difficulties that looked serious. So without giving the matter a second thought Tafoya jumped into the pool, clothes and all, and pulled his friend to safety. "Oh, he would have done the same thing for me—it was nothing," says Tafoya. "Only thing got hurt was my watch, and that doesn't matter." Tafoya and Jones recently returned from overseas duty in Germany, and got acquainted on the boat coming back.

Corporal **William Stebbins,** who is a patient on ward D-1, came to Letterman recently after suffering an accident while on overseas duty in Japan. His home is in Los Angeles, but so far we haven't heard of him taking part in any "San Francisco versus Los Angeles" arguments.

Next Wednesday, 13 April, there will be a "County Fair" dance at the Army YMCA, and just the right kind of music for the occasion will be provided by the Sixth Army hillbilly band known as the "Silo Six."

First Lieut. **Larry Walthers,** patient on ward D-2, has been matching the sunny weather this week with smiles of a similar nature, both on the ward and on the ramp. Good for the morale of the passer-by.

An ex-Letterman patient, the former Captain **Reginald Greenbrook,** who is now living in San Jose, was in San Francisco one day this week and took time to drop in at Letterman to visit old friends here.

Winner of the Chess Club trophy for March was Sergeant First Class **Myron Rose,** who had 26 points, and got his name on the cup for the second time. He was also presented with a miniature chessboard lapel pin. Corporal **Edmund Smith,** patient on ward C-2, was in second place with 23 points, and **James McGinnis,** veteran, of ward N-2, earned 14 points to place third. This is the third time McGinnis has been among the top three in the club. He was in second place in February and in third place in January. The club now has a new secretary, Private First Class **Dean Heckert** of ward C-2 having taken over the duties when Private **Robert Tipler** was discharged from the hospital.

The proud owner of what is probably the most unusual first name hereabouts (anyway he never met anyone with the same one) is **Zema Fisher,** veteran patient on ward D-1. Zema came here as a patient last month after he broke his leg in an accident. He was riding a bike, the chain came off and he "ran over a car," as his fellow patients put it. He says his main pastime of the moment is playing pinochle while he awaits the happy day of discharge from the hospital.

Kenneth Alvord, veteran who is a patient on ward E-2, and his wife Ellen specialized in the use of "B" when naming their three children—Billy, Betty and Bobby. Billy is eight, and Betty and Bobby, who are twins, are five. Their home is in Los Angeles. Kenneth, who has been a patient here for quite some time, has two favorite methods of passing the time: reading historical novels and doing leatherwork.

Sergeant **Victor Jacewicz,** who has been a patient here for eight months, is looking forward to the day when he'll be back at his job of baker at Hamilton Field, where he was assigned when he was injured in a motor accident. His enlistment is up in May but he plans to re-enlist, having 12 years of Army service to his credit already.

Corporal **Welton Sessums** of the Hospital Train Section has been a patient on ward D-1 for the past ten days, and spends his time reading comic books while he waits for letters from the one and only girl in Texas, his home state. For him, he says she'll always be the only girl and Texas the only state.

Tessie: I don't see how my soldier boy friend is going to live on the money he makes this month.

Bessie: No, why?

Tessie: He wrote me he would be confined to quarters this month.

ON THE SPOT



CHARLES H. BRIGHT
Private First Class

Private First Class Charles H. Bright says he has to listen to a lot of wisecracks about his last name, but by now he has become resigned to them and the only kind of a retort he is interested in is the kind used in lab work. Since he majored in chemistry in college he is well acquainted with the use of that type of retort.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan, attended high school there and had finished a year's work at Wayne University when he came into the Army in March 1943. He went to Camp Gordon, Georgia, for basic training, then was sent to Camp Tyson, in Tennessee, for a four-month course of training as medical technician.

In December 1943 he went overseas and was stationed in England until the invasion in June 1944. He served with a collecting company in France and Germany, and was on overaseas duty for two years, returning to the States in December of 1945.

He received his discharge after he came back and then returned to Wayne University in Detroit to continue his studies. He has now completed three years of work toward his degree.

Last September he re-enlisted in the Army, again in the Medical Department, and requested training as an X-ray technician. He had a four-month course in that work at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was assigned to duty in the X-ray Laboratory when he came to Letterman last month. This is his first time in California, and he is very much pleased with his assignment here.

For diversion he likes bowling and movies, and he is planning to take up golf.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bernice Dixon of the Post Exchange recently returned from a month's vacation which was spent in Weymouth, Mass., with her family. She made the journey by bus both ways and she says the trip going East was "rugged."

Glenray Blaskowsky asked why the Adjutant's office was rarely mentioned in this column. Now if she would only go out and get herself arrested. . . .

Jo East of the Post Exchange recently resigned with plans for an Easter Sunday wedding and will then make her home in Santa Rosa. She takes with her the best wishes for every happiness from her friends at Letterman.

Diane Carter, Occupational Therapy, went to see the Olsen & Johnson production, "Hellzapoppin'" and had a wonderful time. During the show members of the audience were invited to add talent to the show and Diane received an orchid for her singing efforts.

It's nice to see **Jerry Ivory** of the Post Exchange back on duty after a brief stay in the hospital.

We extend our sympathies to **Gus Tevis,** whose daughter is seriously ill in Hawaii.

The employees of the Bay Area Exchange held a party complete with presents last week in honor of Mr. **Harry Tabalow,** LGH barber, who recently completed thirty years service as a barber on this post. Our congratulations to Mr. Tabalow.

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room attended the races at Golden Gate Field in Albany recently and she declared the experience quite thrilling. She said she would now have a nice little sum of pin money if she had placed bets on the horses she chose.

Leo King has transferred from the Receiving office to Medical Supply.

We extend a welcome to **Melle K. Russell** of Laboratory Service and **Marian Wooley** of EENT Service.

Recent resignations were **Ada Goria** of Radioligical Service and **Irene Key** of Military Personnel.

Office Boy: "Mr. White, could I have the afternoon off?"

Mr. White: "Ah, yes. Your grandmother, I suppose?"

Office Boy: "Yes, sir. She's making her first parachute jump, you know."

NOW IN SPRING ALTHEA'S FANCY LIGHTLY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF ROME



Major ALTHEA V. BUCKINS, ANC
Last month completed 18 busy years in the ANC

Last month Major Althea V. Buckins, ANC, completed 18 years of service in the Army, and during that time she has served in seven states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, North Africa and Italy. Of all the places she's been on her travels Rome is her favorite, (especially Rome in Springtime) and the only place she wants to be sure to revisit some day.

Major Buckins was born in Pensacola, Fla., and spent her childhood there. Later her family moved to South Bend, Ind., where she went to high school and had her nurse's training at Epworth Memorial Hospital. She had post-graduate training in surgical nursing at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich., and then worked for a time in Detroit at Jefferson Clinic and Diagnostic Hospital.

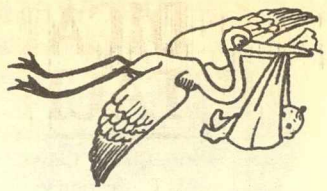
In March 1931 she joined the Army Nurse Corps and spent the first year and a half of her service in the Army at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. A year at the station hospital at Fort Monroe, Va., followed, and she was at Fort Meade, Md., for a time, then went to Puerto Rico for a two-year tour of duty.

She even went to West Point, spending three years there as surgical nurse at the station hospital. From there she went to Fort Monmouth, N. J., as chief nurse, and remained until she went overseas to North Africa in May 1943. She served in Oran and Tunis, and was chief nurse of the 114th Station Hospital.

Her most unusual and best-liked overseas assignment came when she was placed in charge of rest camps for nurses. The first was in Algiers, where the camp was in a converted villa on the Mediterranean, the second was in Rome. She returned from overseas in 1945.

She was at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., and at the 5th Army General Dispensary in Chicago before coming to duty at Letterman nearly a year ago, in May 1948. Since she has been at Letterman her cheerful friendly personality has won many friends for her. In addition to her duties as surgical supervisor in the Chief Nurse's office, Major Buckins is custodian of the Nurse's Welfare Fund, and the latter is making a bookkeeper of her, willy-nilly, she says.

In her leisure time she likes to read historical novels, listen to records from her ever-growing collection, and go for long drives in her car.



24 March

To Capt. and Mrs. Clifford D. Marburger, a boy, **Ronald Oswald.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Floyd H. Kellas, a boy, **Thomas Joseph.**

25 March

To Cpl. and Mrs. Jesse Taylor, Sr., a boy, **Jesse Taylor, Jr.**

26 March

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Milton M. Bristow, a boy, **Steven Mel.**

27 March

To Sgt. and Mrs. Billie L. Yarberry, a boy, **Leonard LeRoy.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest N. Quist, Sr., a boy, **Ernest Norman, Jr.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James C. Horton, a boy, **David Michael.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. John C. Evans, a girl, **Vicki Ruth.**

To CWO and Mrs. Albert T. Huddon, a boy, **Thomas Ronald.**

To Major and Mrs. Russell R. Simpson, a boy, **Michael Gary.**

28 March

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard Thomas Street, a girl, **Sharon Kay.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Raymond Lindsay, a boy, **William Allen.**

29 March

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Sutton, a girl, **Suzanne Camille.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Donald L. Patch, a boy, **David Eugene.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert F. Turner, a girl, **Bronwyn Clare.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Frederic D. DeLuca, a boy, **Paul Gregory.**

31 March

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Wililam W. Jones, a boy, **Douglas Woodruff.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph L. Lehman, a boy, **Ralph Lloyd.**

1 April

To Cpl. and Mrs. Hugo F. Smith, a boy, **Michael Edward.**

MEDICAL DETACH

Private First Class **Calvin C.** Moore of the M. P. Section at Letterman is already counting the days until his forthcoming 30-day furlough, which will begin 1 May. It's an extra-special furlough because he will not only be going home to Asheville, North Carolina, but will also celebrate his 24th birthday while he's there, on 12 May.

Sergeant **Joe Mullen** of Grounds and Maintenance is quite the motorcycle enthusiast. He is the owner of an Indian motorcycle and has recently joined a cycling club.

If you happen to be caught speeding along the highway some sunny day in June, don't be too surprised if the pursuing highway patrolman turns out to be Sergeant **Don Gilpan,** now of the Receiving Office. Don is taking examintions to qualify for a job as highway patrolman.

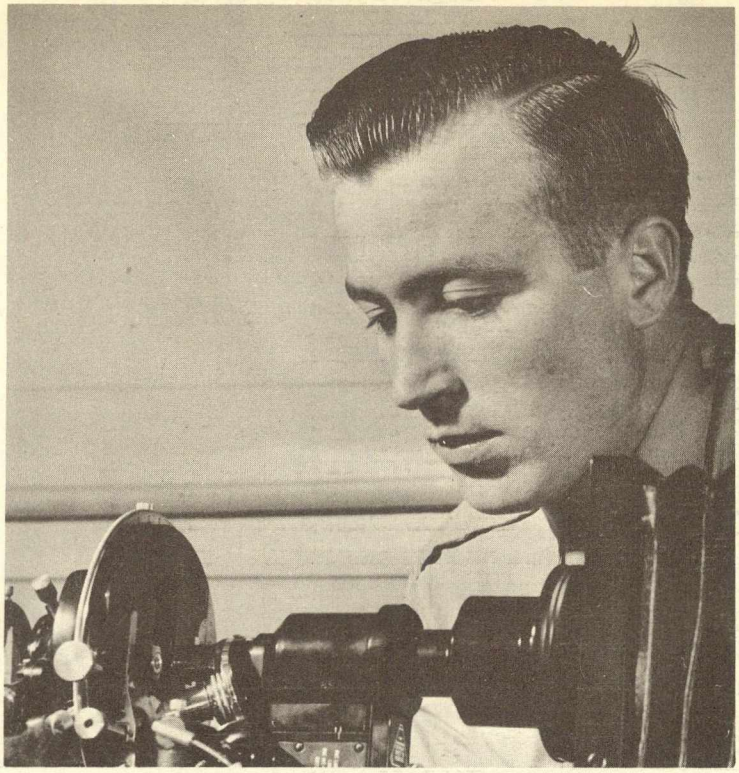
They tell us that Sergeant **George Woodward** of Grounds and Maintenance is still in there betting—on horse races, that is. Some days he has as many as three winners out of four races, and other days—well, he **will** bet on hunches!

Sergeant First Class **Lorenzo Brewer** of the Pharmacy left this week for Fort MacArthur, California. He reports that he is to be in charge of the Pharmacy Section there.

Another Lettermanite who is bidding us farewell is Master Ser-Sergeant **Fred Milliken,** formerly of the Message Center. He was stationed here before World War II, then was again assigned here when he re-enlisted in November of last year. His friends here wish him a "splashing" good time at his new station; they keep telling him it's quite wet a times in the State of Washington, and he will be at Fort Lewis.

Sergeant **Walter Carry,** just back from 19 months duty on Guam, arrived at Letterman this week and has been assigned to the Information and Education Office. Sergeant Carry's home is in Lake Worth, Fla., and when he says goodbye to Army life he intends to study law at the University of Florida.

MASTER SERGEANT DIXON GETS HIGH PRAISE FOR HIS PHOTOMICROGRAPHS



Master Sergeant HAROLD E. DIXON
At work in the LGH photo Lab

Master Sergeant Harold Dixon, who has been in charge of the Letterman Photographic Laboratory since he came here in October, 1946, has recently received two enthusiastic letters of commendation for his work on photomicrographs from physicians on the staff of the University of California Medical School, and these were supplemented by an additional letter of praise from Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Letterman commandant.

As is natural, Dick is very happy to have this recognition of his work, but we had something of a verbal struggle with him to persuade him to let us tell Fog Horn readers about it. His idea is that photographers should remain retiringly in the background, and not have their pictures taken for any reason whatsoever. But we won out, and herewith quote excerpts from the commendatory letters.

Dr. Herbert F. Traut of UC has this to say of him in a letter to General Cole: "I wish to transmit to you our appreciation of the expert aid which Master Sergeant Harold E. Dixon has given to us in the photographing of diagnostic malignant cells. His technical skill is unmatched by anyone with whom we are acquainted and his cheerful accommodation of our needs is greatly aiding us in pictorial recording . . . so that our teaching and investigative work is greatly facilitated. We intend to post an acknowledgement to him in our exhibit in the coming American Medical Association meeting in June, and also in a comprehensive monograph now in preparation."

Another letter, from Dr. S. M. Farber of UC, says: "The patience, consideration and outstanding ability of Master Sergeant Dixon has made possible excellent detailed photographic studies. Permit me to express our deep thanks for his outstanding contribution in this field."

In transmitting these letters to Sergeant Dixon, General Cole added the following: "Your work at this hospital has been of high caliber and it is gratifying to receive such letters of appreciation as a result of your endeavors. They reflect credit not only upon you and your photographic skill but also upon this organization and the Medical Department as a whole."

All this, and he takes pictures for the Fog Horn, too!

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Train Section will soon have a bowling team—if Corporal **Wililam Jordan** can get the boys to practice at night, that is.

The men in the Hospital Train Section are all working these days on "Project Sun-Tan," but Private First Class **William Anderson** has everyone beat so far. He came to work Monday in what is referred to as the "boiled lobster" stage, but predicts that he will turn to tan in the near future.

Master Sergeant **George T. Washburn** seems to be going into the automobile business. He is now the owner of two cars. Car purchase among members of the section are on the increase—Private First Class **William Bryant,** Private First Class **Lawrence Griese** and Private **William Aldrich** have all bought cars recently.

Master Sergeant **Irwin Hulsey** and his crew of workers were busy this week getting the Hospital Section cars ready for the Army Day visitors.

Sergeant First Class **John Mack** is on patient status at Letterman at present, and we're hoping for his speedy recovery.

The Hospital Train Section personel extend their deepest sympathy to Corporal **Robert B. Bowman,** whose mother passed away recently.

More About LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

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and the American Specialty Boards for the following specialties: General Surgery, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Orthopedics, Pathology, Urology, Dermatology and Syphilology, Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Neurology, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Anesthesiology.

The bed capacity of Letterman at present is 1875, with approximately 14,500 patients admitted to the hospital annually.

Seventeen commanding officers have served at Letterman, and the present commandant, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, MC, has been in command since September of 1948.

SPECIAL SERVICES

To add to a very active program the Special Services section is now engaged in a talent hunt. Personnal with ability to entertain are being sought and will be welcome at SS office. People who can put on an act get a double welcome.

Horse players and lovers in our midst may indulge their tasts daily at Golden Gate Fields—the new track at Albany across the bay. Men in uniform are admitted without charge and the bus is free too. Check the starting time if you are interested.

Mr. William P. Kyne, who holds a perennial interest in veterans and a very good friend of Letterman and its personnel, extends a standing invitation for the fights on Friday evenings at the new National Hall in San Francisco. Each week a full bus load is admitted free.

Now that spring is finally here, Lieut. Ray Lehman is imparting his enthusiasm to the softball players who are trying for the team. He is building his team with some of last year's players as a foundation and some new talent who joined us since the turn of the year.

Captain "Ernie" Adams and Sgt. Joe Sirowicz form the nucleus of a strong pitching staff, and Sgt. "Bill" Morales would apprecite some relief at the receiving end. The team has been a credit to Letterman and looks to maintain its high average. Who wants to play?

The bowling teams were at Ord as we went to press and final results of the tournament will appear in next week's column.

Troop Information And Education

Info. and Education Now Army, Navy, AF

Washington (AFPS)—The Army-Air Force Troop Information and Education Division will become the Armed Forces Information and Education Division on May 1, and will broaden its responsibilities to include the Navy.

In announcing the latest unification move, Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal said that the Division will be placed directly under the chairman of the Personnel Policy Board, Thomas R. Reid.

The board chairman will serve as deputy to the Defense Secretary in all matters pertaining to information and education, and attitude research in the Armed Services.

EASTER

CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY—

CATHOLIC—

0600 & 0800 Mass, Letterman Chapel
0930 & 1130 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady

PROTESTANT—Morning Services

1000, Letterman Chapel
1045, Post Chapel
0930, Church School, Presidio

HOLY THURSDAY—

CATHOLIC—

0730 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady
0800 Mass, Letterman Chapel
1930, Sermon and Benediction, Chapel of Our Lady

PROTESTANT—

1930, Holy Communion, Post Chapel
1930, Holy Communion, Letterman Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY—

CATHOLIC—

0730 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady
Tre-Ore, 1200-1500, Chapel of Our Lady
Tre-Ore, 1200-1500, Letterman Chapel
1930, Way of the Cross, Sermon, Chapel of Our Lady

PROTESTANT—

1200-1300, Seven Words, Post Chapel, Union Service

HOLY SATURDAY—

CATHOLIC—

0730, Mass, Chapel of Our Lady
1800-2000, Confessions, Letterman Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY—

CATHOLIC—

0600 & 0800 Mass, Letterman Chapel
0930 & 1130 Mass, Chapel of Our Lady

PROTESTANT—

1000, Letterman Chapel
1045, Post Chapel
0930, Church School, Presidio

JEWISH PASSOVER SERVICES

Sundown—Wednesday, April 13 through Thursday, April 21.

A Passover seder service and dinner for military personnel, their dependents and hospitalized veterans, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 1949 at 6:30 p. m. at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street. The service and festival observance will be conducted by Rabbi William Z. Dalin, Sixth Army Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain. All personnel of the Armed Forces and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans planning to go to summer school under the GI Bill should begin now to make necessary arrangements for Veterans Administration certificates of eligibility.

A veteran already in school under the GI Bill who intends to continue his education this summer in a different school should apply as soon as possible for a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

They must have supplemental certificates before they can be admitted to new schools or courses.

Application form for the certificates may be obtained from the registrar's office at their school or from any VA office.

After a veteran has filled out the application, he should send it to the VA regional office having jurisdiction over the school he now is attending.

Veterans planning to attend summer school in the same institution in which they now are enrolled do not need a supplemental certificate to re-enroll.

Question: I interrupted my training under the GI Bill and now would like to resume training at once. May I go back to my classes anytime?

Answer: Before you resume your interrupted training, you should get a supplemental certificate of eligibility from VA.

Question: Are patients in Veterans Administration hospitals permitted unlimited participation in competitve sports?

Answer: Patents may participate only with the permission of the doctor in each case. An average of 43,000 veterans per month have been participating in various sports at hospitals and homes.

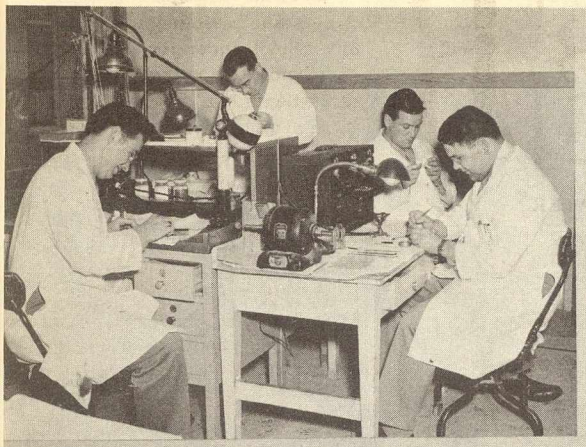
Question: I wish to take on-the-job training. Where should I apply?

Answer: Apply at your nearest VA office. Take along a certificated or photostatic copy of your discharge papers. If you are married or have one or more dependents and want subsistence allowances, take along your marriage certificate and other documents that will establish your dependency claim.

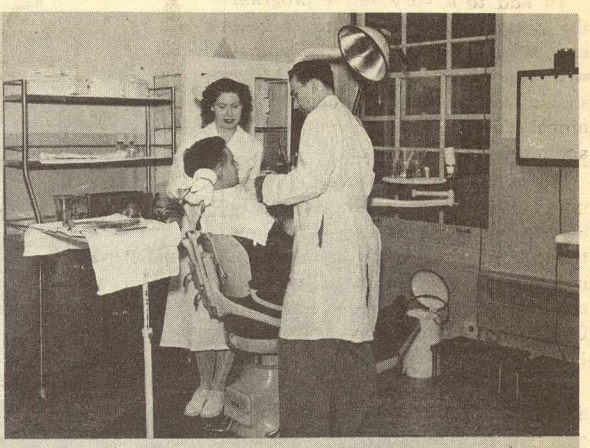
She awoke and punched her husband. "Jack ,there's a mouse in the room. I can hear it squeaking."

"Well, what do you want me to do; get up and oil it?"

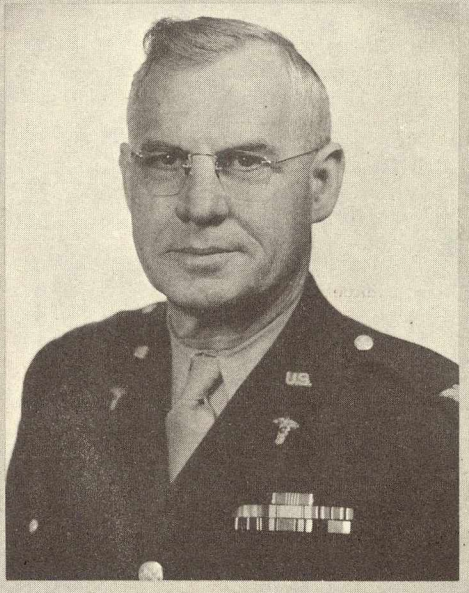
Dental Service is a Very Active Part of Letterman



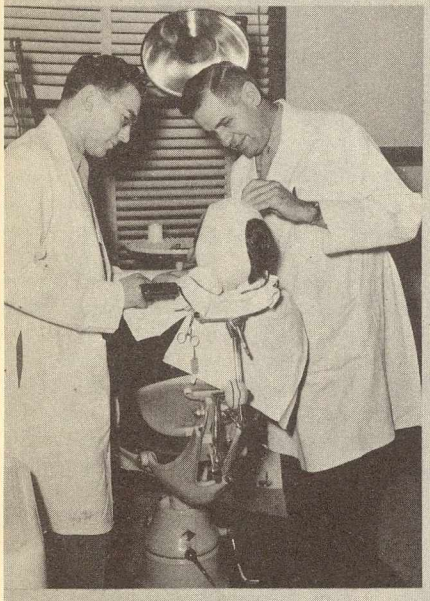
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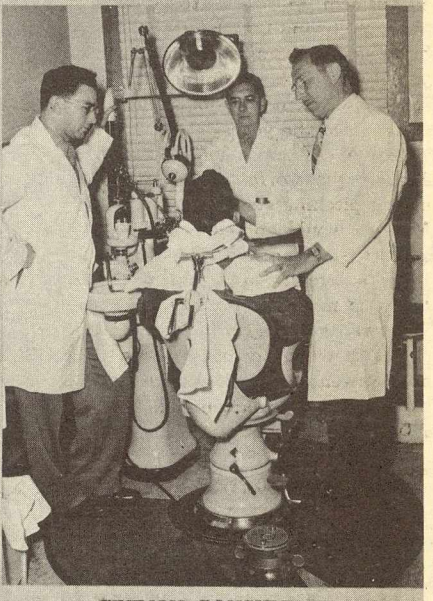
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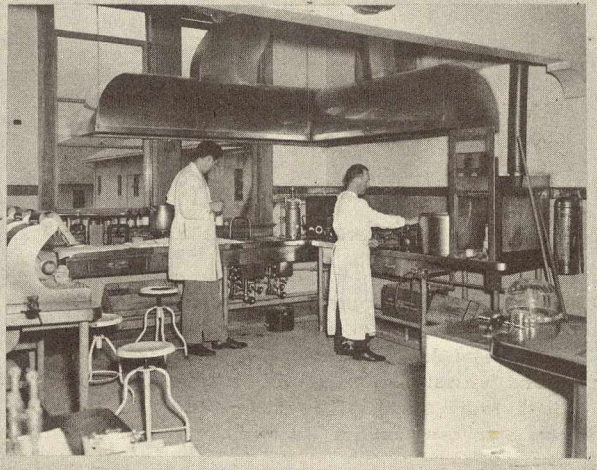
Colonel MARHL L. WELCH, DC
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Thirteen Letterman Officers Promoted To Higher Ranks

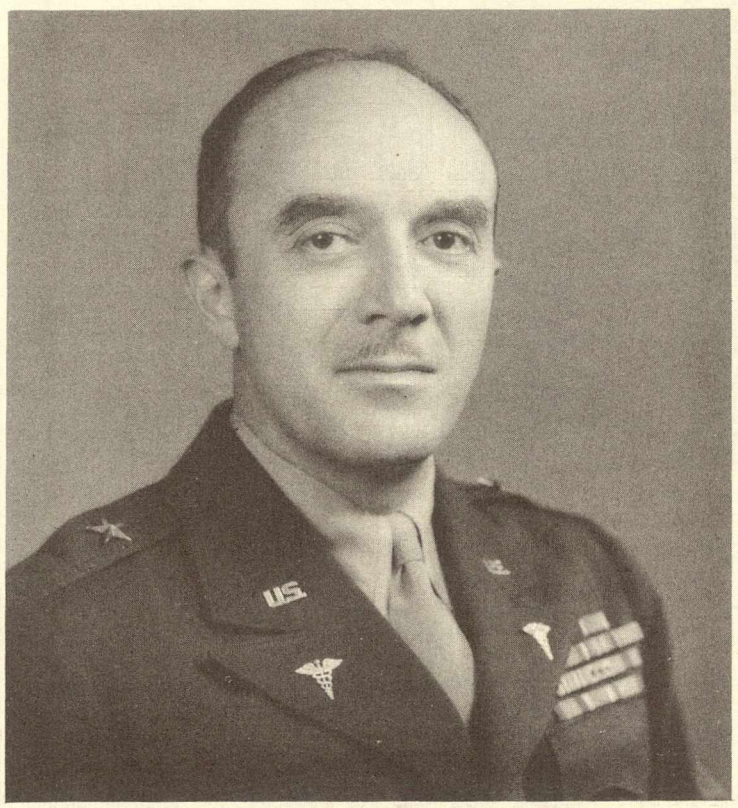
Thirteen officers of the Letterman command were promoted to higher rank this week. The group included three Medical Corps officers, two Dental Corps officers, the Chief of the Chaplains Division here, and seven Medical Specialist Corps officers. Five of the promotions were to the rank of colonel; two to lieutenant colonel, four to the rank of major and two to the rank of captain.

Those who were promoted to colonel are Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Chaplains Corps, who has been chief of the Chaplains Division at Letterman for the past nine years and who has served as an Army chaplain for more than 31 years; Colonel Elmer A. Lodmell, MC, chief of the Radiological Service; Colonel Stephen C. Sitter, MC, chief of the Neurological Section, Neuro-Psychiatric Service; Colonel William T. Williams, DC, chief of Prosthetic Section, Dental Service, and Colonel Anthony Tucker, MSC, research psychologist at Letterman.

Those promoted to lieutenant colonel are Lieut. Col. Joseph M. Burke, MSC, assistant director, Medical Supply Division, and Lieut. Col. William P. Barnes, DC. Colonel Barnes is assigned to Letterman but has not yet arrived for duty.

The four officers who received the rank of major are Major Edmund R. Kielman, MC, assistant chief, Pathological Section, Laboratory Service; Major George Johnston, MSC, chief, Chemistry Section, Laboratory Service; Major Oliver H. Steed, MSC, assistant to the Executive Officer, and Major Wyman D. Taylor, MSC, chief, Maintenance Branch, Hospital Train Section.

Promoted to the rank of captain are Captain Robert W. Wier, MSC, CO, Enlisted Section, Hospital Train Section, and Captain Chester M. Van Sant, administrative assistant to the Chief of Medical Service.



Brigadier General GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
The Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, who was a local visitor this week.

Army's Interne Plan to Start on 1 July

(AFPS)—The Army Medical Department has announced a Graduate Professional Training Program, effective July 1, to provide a new source of training for young physicians interested in the Army Military Interne Program.

Nine General Hospitals are enrolled in the project and the Army has invited medical students to visit these training centers during the summer months.

The Military Interne Program offers graduate professional training opportunities to selected graduates of medical schools approved by the American Medical Association. Successful candidates are assigned to Army General Hospitals participating, where large varieties of clinical material will be available to them. Three hundred internships are available yearly, effective on July 1, of each year and terminating June 30 the following year. Graduates are offered the opportunity of qualifying for Regular Army Medical Corps Commissions, if otherwise qualified.

Medical Specialist Training Courses Offered to Women

Professional graduate training is being made available by the Army to qualified women who are interested in becoming members of the Regular Army Women's Medical Specialist Corps, it was announced this week by Sixth Army headquarters.

The training program will include a dietitic interneship, a physical therapy training course, and an occupational therapy clinical affiliation.

Women accepted will be appointed as second lieutenants in the Army Reserve Corps during the training period. They will complete two months' of basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and 12 months of graduate training in a selected Army general hospital. Following the training period, eligible candidates will be expected to volunteer for service with the Regular Army.

Participation in the program is available to women in an unmarried status who have no dependents under 18 years of age and who are between the ages of 21 and 26 years.

Applicants for the various specialties must meet one of the following educational standards from colleges or universities approved by The Surgeon General of the Army:

For dietetic internship—a bachelor of science degree with a major in either foods and nutrition or in institutional management; for physical therapy training course—a baccalaureate degree from a college with major emphasis on physical education or the biological sciences; for occupational therapy clinical affiliation—a baccalaureate degree, and the first year of a two-year graduate course in occupational therapy or completion of a four-year course leading to such a degree.

A Proper Psychological Approach Toward Atomic Warfare

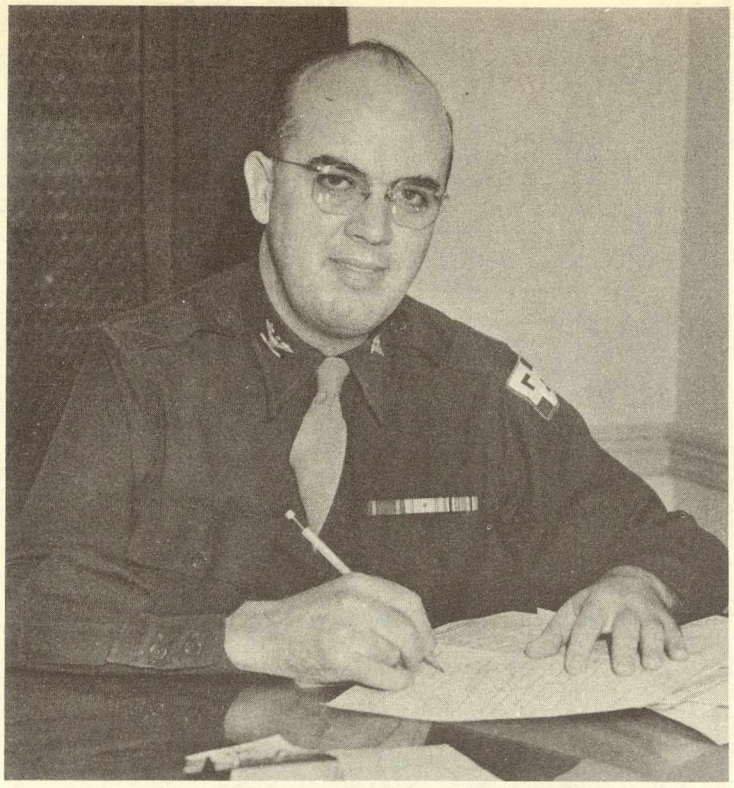
By Colonel James P. Cooney, M. C.

(The following abstract of a paper by Colonel James P. Cooney, M. C., presented at the last annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, is taken from the "Bulletin" of the U. S. Army Medical Department.)

Regarding the phenomenon of death-dealing radioactivity we must take a rather hard-boiled attitude. Since we have no choice but to live with it, we must keep it in proper perspective. The reaction of intense fear to forces that cannot be seen, felt, or otherwise sensed is of such magnitude that it could well interfere with an important military mission in time of war. Although whenever living cells are affected by ionizing radiation it is detrimental, it must be realized that nature has been constantly bombarding the populations of the world with ionizing radiation since the formation of the universe. The permissible radiation dose has been placed at 0.2 r. per day by some and 0.3 per week by others. It should not be called the "tolerance dose," for no amount of radiation should be tolerated without good reason. One is willing, however, to name a dose so small that a person might be exposed to it every day of his life and suffer no observable injury or shortening of his life.

When one is dealing with radiation technicians or with industrial workers who are exposed to this hazard daily, one can easily see how the maintenance of exposures at or below this level is desirable. Daily contact with radioactive materials demands that a low limit of exposure be adhered to, if one is to avoid late complications. Comparable occupational hazards exist in the noxious gases and dust to which coal miners, steel workers, and chemical workers are exposed.

The limit applied to the daily exposure cannot be applied to a single acute exposure in which a much higher limit can be tolerated. The total body dose of radiation received as an acute exposure is known from therapeutic experience to vary with the patient. This and the lethal dose for man have not received the same attention from policy-making bodies that the "permissible dose" has had. We may take 450 r. as the average lethal dose. Going further down the scale, we may consider a limit of 200 r., which causes radiation sickness in 50 per cent of the human subjects exposed, as an acute dose of total body radiation. Since some subjects are more sensitive to radiation than others, it is difficult to calculate the precise effects to be expected. Although therapeutic radiation in doses of 25 r. to 100 r. may be given to certain patients, they are given because the expected benefits outweigh the fear of radiation injury; and, although the radiation hazards of future warfare should not be underestimated, the physical danger must be evaluated against the objective to be gained.



Colonel JAMES P. COONEY, MC
Chief of the Radiological Branch, Division of Military Application, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and Consultant, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and Radiological Consultant for the Office of The Surgeon General. Colonel Cooney served as personal representative for the Surgeon General during the atomic bomb tests at Bikini, and participated in all types of radiological surveys. After Bikini he was sent on a special mission to Japan to make a study on the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

War is fought with the knowledge that men will be killed. Since this is a "necessary hazard," it is obviously not wise to treat radiation hazards differently from other calculated hazards. If acceptance of radiation hazard will lessen the other military hazards, then that is what one must accept. This can only be done, however, if the attitude of the men exposed is psychologically similar toward the two types of hazard. For battle discipline and military effectiveness the dominant measure is not the hazard itself but the soldiers' estimation of the hazard. Men at war suffer many hazards besides bullets—such as malaria, venereal disease, and exposure to cold, wet, and starvation. Of these, venereal diseases are often underevaluated while filariasis may be grossly overevaluated. At present, radiation is perhaps the most overevaluated of all. Psychological training for the military level of acceptable radiation hazard is possible and should be pursued.

Sterility as a result of radiation is a matter of popular concern. It must be borne in mind that sterility results only from a large dose of acute radiation, or from smaller doses over a long period of time, and that sterility also results from such hazards as venereal disease, spinal fractures, and gun shot wounds of the spinal cord. At Bikini a death was caused by drinking wood alcohol. Other deaths were caused there by various types of accidents, none of which received national news publicity. If, however, we had had a single death from radiation, it would have received front page publicity throughout the country.

In August 1946, a large number of Japanese who had recovered from radiation sickness were examined. They appeared perfectly normal and were handicapped in no way. Such is not the case with thousands of our soldiers who participated in "conventional" warfare in World War II. It has been estimated that about 15 per cent of the deaths at Hiroshima and Nagasaki were caused by radiation. We have concentrated so much on these that we are apt to forget the other 85 per cent. The atomic bomb was developed as a blast weapon and was strategically so used. The radiation effect was never considered to be the prime component of its effectiveness. The destruction resulting from the blast, heat, and secondary fires was paramount. In Japan there was no significant "poisoning" of the ground by fission products, and yet many believe that the bomb is primarily a weapon that destroys by mysterious radioactivity. The local defense agencies in many of our cities, in preparing for defense against an atomic bomb attack, think only of getting Geiger counters when firefighting equipment and well-organized rescue squads are much more important.

Much has been written about "poisoned" water. In case the water supply of a city is contaminated by fission products or unfissioned material from an air burst of an atomic bomb, all the evidence on hand at present indicates that after passing through a modern filtration plant the water at the tap would be safe to drink. More work will be done to prove or disprove this statement. We do know from our experience at Bikini that the water from evaporators used on the ship was safe for drinking. Again, we must not forget that serious infectious diseases still occur from drinking polluted water. If we are ever to use this weapon again in the defense of our country,

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



PROMOTED TO COLONEL

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, commanding general, (left), and Brig. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services (right) pin the insignia of their new rank on Col. Elmer A. Lodmell, MC, chief of Radiological Service and Col. Stephen Sitter, MC, chief of Neurological Section, N-P Service.



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTIONS

The commanding general congratulates five Letterman officers who were promoted this week. L to R: Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole, Col. Wm. P. Williams, DC; Col. Anthony Tucker, MSC; Lieut. Col. Joseph Burke, MSC; George Johnston MSC; Capt. Robert W. Wier, MSC.



STILL MORE PROMOTIONS

Brig. Gen. Frank L. Cole pins the insignia of their new rank on (L to R): Major Oliver H. Steed, MSC; Major Wyman D. Taylor, MSC, and Captain Chester M. Van Sant, MSC.



THE SURGEON GENERAL

Extends congratulations to Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Chief, Chaplain Branch, on his promotion to that grade. Major General Bliss pinned the insignia of the new grade on the shoulder loop of the chaplain's uniform at a ceremony held in the office of the Surgeon General in the Pentagon Building in the presence of the staff.

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EDITORIAL

EASTER

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday, a day of universal rejoicing throughout the Christian world, as Christians everywhere commemorate the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is a day on which to recall with fervor our belief in immortality as we honor the Divine Founder of Christianity —He Who is known as the Prince of Peace.

As mankind continues to look for solutions which will bring peace to a troubled world, so the individual seeks in his own life for peace within himself. It is not an easy search, in either case.

But the feast of the resurrection is a fitting time for a renewal of faith and of hope. It is a time to examine the record of the teachings of Christ, and to attempt to realize anew what a difference it could make to our lives if we would but work at following those teachings.

There is much to learn from His wisdom, and however powerless we may at times feel as individuals, we may feel sure that faith and hope in the Prince of Peace will always be justified.



Wedding bells rang last Saturday for 2d Lieut. **Elaine E. Schiller,** ANC, who became the bride of Captain **Eugene Temme,** former Letterman patient, in a ceremony in the Chapel of Our Lady here on the post. Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the Nurses' Recreation Hall. The bride wore a white Japanese eyelet silk wedding gown and carried a bouquet of white carnations and gardenias, and her maid of honor, Miss **Anita Dumas,** civilian nurse at Letterman, wore a blue formal. Mrs. Temme is being separated from the service, and she and her husband will defer their honeymoon trip until she is on civilian status.

A newcomer was welcomed to the ANC ranks this week—First Lieut. **Hazel F. Trott,** who was stationed at Camp Stoneman Station Hospital before coming here recently as a patient.

First Lieut. **Lucile Burt,** WMSC, of Physical Therapy, has begun a 30-day leave and will spend it at her home in Manhattan, Kansas.

Captain **Velma Richardson,** WMSC, chief dietitian, who has been a patient on ward P-1 since she underwent an operation last week, is taking a two-week recuperation leave which she will spend at her home in Broadmoor Village.

Congratulations go to Captain **Ida M. Farris, WMSC,** hospital dietitian, who received her promotion to that rank this week.

First Lieut. **Elizabeth J. Stevenson,** WMSC, of the dietitians' staff, spent the weekend at Fort Ord visiting former Lettermanite **Julie Skellchock,** who is now Captain Skellchock.

Captain **Lois H. Alfred,** ANC, will be spending Easter in her new home in Stanford University Villa, Palo Alto. Her mother has already moved in, and her handsome collie "Lucky" will be there to greet her, too.

The dietitians held a farewell party one evening this week at Cliff House to honor First Lieut. **Edith A. Hill,** WMSC, who left this week for her new duty station at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

WAC

In keeping with the precedent established, the Letterman Women's Bowling Team returned from Fort Ord with a second place standing in the tournament for the team event. Captain **Minnie Young** and First Lieutenant **Mildred Kauffman** (ANC) won first place in the doubles event.

The "unusual" usual California sunshine has been absorbed by a number of detachment members in the past week. Most of the WACs are sporting a reddish coloring, which blends well with the Olive Drab.

Cultural interests are flourishing in barracks 214X, with such activities as clay modeling and dabbling in water colors becoming a pastime. Supplies are being furnished by Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis,** barracks sergeant. Barracks 212 is holding its own along that line with finger painting talent being displayed by Sergeant **Lois Silsby.**

Sergeant First Class **Julia Brue** has joined the organization this week. She was previously stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and she has now been assigned to the Legal Office at Letterman, in keeping with her profession of law.

Field Manuals, Technical Manuals, Circulars and Army Regulations are being studied and reviewed, and WACs who are going before the promotion board can be heard briefing each other and quoting information in preparation for the examination.

Sergeant **Jane "Tommy" Jones** departed for Los Angeles on a three day pass to visit her sister this week.

First Lieutenant **Frances Harllee** has received orders directing her to report to Camp Kilmer for shipment to Europe sometime in July.

First Sergeant **Nellie Johnson** is taking a ten day leave to Los Angeles to spend Easter with her family, and to see her grandson, whom she hasn't seen before.

If a man lives a decent life and does his work fairly and squarely so that those dependent on him and attached to him are better, then he is a success.—**Theodore Roosevelt.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 17, April 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Our Lady Devotions—
Tuesday at 1900.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

VA Announces Major Changes in Leave Policies

Veterans Administration has announced two major changes in its leave policies affecting veterans training under the G. I. Bill in job training establishments and in schools below the college level.

The changes are: 1. Allowing these veterans to apply for 15 days' leave at the end of their period of enrollment, in addition to whatever leave they might have been authorized while in training, and

2. Placing full responsibility for granting leaves of absence taken during training—within a limit of 30 days a year—upon schools below college level and job training establishments. This responsibility does not extend to the 15 days given at the end of an enrollment period.

A veteran may obtain leave at the completion of his period of enrollment only if he has enough remaining entitlement to education and training to cover it.

Only absences to be reported to VA in the future are those considered by the school or establishment to be unauthorized, as well as time off in excess of 30 days in a calendar year, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

More About ATOMIC WARFARE

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we must recognize that the deaths caused by the blast and burns will be many times greater than those caused by radiation, and we must also dispel the idea that the rescue work will be impossible because of residual radiation.

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. ELIZABETH PEEBLES
Out-Patient Service

Mrs. Elizabeth Peebles, who has been a Lettermanite since 1947, will be leaving in two weeks with her three children to join her husband, Sergeant First Class Samuel Peebles, who is on overseas duty in Sendai, Japan, and she is extra busy these days with preparations for the trip. "My teen-agers and I are really excited about going," says Elizabeth, "and there's a lot to do to get ready, but I want to stay on my job here until the last possible minute." The children—Carolyn, 17, Shirley, 16, and Sam, 15, are looking forward with pleasure to the prospect of a year in Japan. "When we come back," says their mother, "I hope I can come back to work here at Letterman, because I like it here so well."

Elizabeth was born in Independence, Mo., and she and her husband have a farm in Missouri where they will make their home when Sergeant Peebles, who has now completed 19 years service in the Army, decides to retire. Elizabeth, who had nearly two years nurse's training before her marriage, worked as an office nurse for a doctor in Platt City, Mo., before the family came to California when her husband was assigned to Sixth Army in 1947.

She came to Letterman shortly after their arrival here, and worked on ward O-1 and in Pediatrics before coming to her present job in Out-Patient Service, where she is assistant to the nurse in charge. She has letters of commendation for her work here both from Col. Leonard N. Swanson, MC, and Col. John K. Davis, MC.

Elizabeth has been active as a councillor in the Teen-Age Club here on the post, of which her children are members, and is enthusiastic both about the work of the club and about the members themselves. When the West Point examinations were held here recently, she was appointed to act as house mother for the boys who took the examination.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

First Lieuts. **Joe Brooks** and **Harry Lawler**, somewhat secluded near the rear of ward L-1, need little or no encouragement to perform an Abbott-Costello oratory on the plight of any vampire that might—just might—decide to visit them. The erstwhile bed-neighbors joke constantly about the lack of corpuscles thereabouts.

Patients and personnel with overdue library books usually receive a "greeting" prepared by Private **Jack Hook** of ward 28. But Private Hook, working in the OT shop, isn't too familiar with the dismay his product—overdue cards—can cause. He never has been in the library here.

Lee Lester of ward E-1 must have been aware that education-minded Miss **Hannah Goldberg** of the Troop I. & E. office was about to visit him the other day. Lee, Miss Goldberg found, had "flown the coop," but she insists she will find him sooner or later.

An ambitious rug weaver is Corporal **Money Miller** of ward 31. He is working on three different rugs in the OT shop, and **Earl Chidster**, a veteran of ward 30, is weaving a maroon and pink rug.

Buddies in the OT shop say Corporal **Halbert Pittman** of ward C-2 is lately a man of distinction, mostly because of a distinct odor produced by the cigars he smokes. It has been suggested that his cigars would be enjoyed more if they were doused with water.

Patients and duty personnel are invited to spend at least a part of Easter Sunday at the Army YMCA. Open house will begin at 3:30, with a community sing and coffee hour, and at 5:30 there will be a matinee dance. At 8 o'clock the 80-piece Symphony Orchestra of the San Francisco Recreation Department will give a concert in the "Y" lobby. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Next Wednesday, 20 April, the Easter formal dance will be held, with music by the dance orchestra from the Port of Embarkation at Fort Mason.

A favorite topic of conservation with Recruit **Leonard Arsenault** of Ward 41 is sports clothing—for which he spends considerable of his pay. 'Tis said he is a "snazzy dresser."

The daily question popped by Sergeant **Frank Oujezdsky** of ward 42 at the OT shop is, "anybody want a coke?" And perpared for any "yes" he is, too, being well-supplied with nickels.

Finished finally at the OT shop is a neat set of placemats under production by Corporal **Clea Corley** of ward N-2.

The hospital's roster of patients includes two men by the name of **"Storer"**—but there "r" slight differences. Corporal **John P. Storer** is a patient on ward 28 and Private First Class **E. W. Storer** is on ward M-2.

Corporal **Lossie Hicks**, now of ward C-2, always manages to wend his way back to the "old homestead" to see his buddies on ward K-2 where he was assigned.

Again a patient at Letterman is WOJG **Marcus Nugent**, who is assigned to ward D12 awaiting additional surgery. Mr. Nugent, who returned after a short tour of duty, is a golfer who, like all enthusiastic golfers, is determined to permit as ilttle as possible interference with his game.

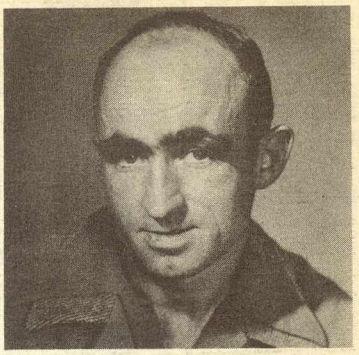
Music students from ward 26 include Major **George L. Miller** and Second Lieut. **Robert Baldridge.** Major Miller's musical ambitions were inspired by his children.

Private **Benedict St. Peter** of ward 31 is using his free time while at Letterman to further his education with studies available through USAFI.

First Lieut. **Joseph Cassidy** of ward D-2 is awaiting the arrival of his two children from the East coast to complete the family circle at the new Cassidy home in Broadmoor.

A former Letterman patient, Major **John Harding** returned this week to bid his friends goodbye before going to Oregon where he will make his home.

ON THE SPOT



TOM NEWELL
Sergeant

Sergeant Tom Newell, who is saying goodbye to Letterman and to the Army this week, has been a patient here since last September when he was injured in an accident while on furlough. He lost an arm as a result of the injury, but has attained great dexterity in the use of his prosthesis, going in for almost every craft offered in the Occupational Therapy Shop. He did weaving, leatherwork, copper tooling, ceramic design, and worked with silver and plastics. He also went in for photography. He said he wanted to learn as much as he could about as many crafts as possible while he was here.

Tom was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, grew up and went to school there, and did construction work before he came into the Army in March 1942. He was in the Air Force, and after being inducted in Denver, was sent to Sheppard Field, Texas for basic training. In August he went overseas to England, and served in the European Theater for 39 months before returning to the States in December 1945.

While in England Tom met Joan, the English girl who is now his wife, and they were married while he was in the ETO. He was discharged from the Air Force after his return from overseas, but reenlisted in March 1946, and was stationed at Hamilton Field and McCord Field before coming to Letterman as a patient. Now that he is a civilian again, Tom and his wife will make their home with relatives in Santa Maria, California.

"I'm glad to be going home," said Tom, "but I'll certainly miss all the good friends I've made here at Letterman."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Margaret Finnigan of Headquarters, Crissy Field, and **Dorothy Kluger,** Transportation office, Crissy Field, keep physically fit by playing tennis during. the noon hour.

Our sincere sympathies go to **Gus Tevis** of Occupational Therapy Shop whose daughter, Mrs. **Bernice Moreria,** passed away on 4 April in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Tevis returned to San Francisco Sunday after spending 3 days in Honolulu.

Lillian Ferguson of Finance returned this week from a three-day conference on fiscal and budget plans in Washington, D. C. During her trip back East Lillian visited New York.

Margery Granger of Detachment of Patients took three days leave this week to spend with her two-year-old daughter, **Larklyn,** who was brought home from the hospital Sunday. Larklyn was hospitalized last week due to injuries received when struck by an automobile.

Audrey Mathis of the Post Exchange is making plans for her vacation which she will spend with her sister, Mrs. **C. L. Lund,** who is traveling from Anchorage, Alaska, to enter a San Francisco hospital as a patient. As this will be Mrs. Lund's first visit to San Francisco, Audrey says she will make sure that sight-seeing trips will be number one on the "must do" list.

Jean Schwab of the Post Exchange left Tuesday for Fullerton, Nebraska, where she will spend three weeks vacation. Her husband, **Don,** of Station KLGH, accompanied Jean but he will return next week. They traveled by air.

Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Thompson, Jr.,** and their daughter, **Jeri Lee,** of Van Nuys,, will join Bill's parents in Fresno to spend the Easter weekend with them. Bill's mother is **Mrs. Alice Thompson,** manager of Letterman Post Exchange.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new civilian dentist, **Max W. Bloom.**

Recent resignations were: **Elsie K. Anderson,** Orthopedic Service, **Alejandro Sandoval,** Laboratory service, and **Melba L. Wrysinski,** Out-Patient Service.

We extend sincere sympathies to **Bill Fujita** of Finance, whose mother passed away Wednesday of this week.

SHE HAS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK



Mrs. LILLIAN WHEELER
Deputy Red Cross Field Director at Letterman

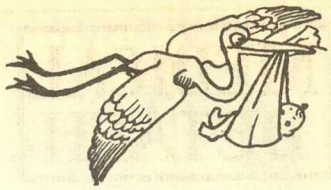
Mrs. Lillian Wheeler, the affable and charming Deputy Field Director of the Red Cross, who has been at Letterman in that capacity for nearly three and a half years, last month observed the 21st anniversary of her entrance into the field of social work. Mrs. Wheeler always finds her work most stimulating, and she is keenly interested in keeping up with new developments in social work. She recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she attended a four-week training course in Inter-Personal Relations given by the Red Cross at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

She was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but considers Denver, Colorado, her home town, since that is where she grew up and went to school. She is a graduate of the University of Denver, where she majored in psychology and Spanish She began work as a volunteer with a public welfare agency in Denver, then was offered a job as a social worker with the agency, and she continued with that type of work for the next ten years. During that time she interrupted her work in Denver to do graduate work at the University and at the New York School of Social Work in New York City. She also spent a year at the University of Chicago, where she did graduate work and also supervised students in the social work department. Upon her return to Denver she was with a Community Chest Agency for a time.

She has now been with the Red Cross for more than six years, having first joined the organization in September 1942 as a home service field representative, working with different chapters in the mid-western area. Later she worked as consultant in area headquarters.

In 1935 she spent some months in Hawaii and on her way back to the States on the Lurline she met Fred Wheeler, and after their arrival here they were married. During World War II, while Mr. Wheeler served overseas in the ETO, Mrs. Wheeler was case work supervisor for the Red Cross at O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. When her husband returned from overseas duty and they came to San Francisco to live in November 1945, Mrs. Wheeler was assigned to her present work here at Letterman.

Their favorite diversion is taking trips to favorite California spots, and last week end they spent enjoying themselves at Yosemite.



1 April

To Capt. and Mrs. Warren R. Healy, a girl, **Candace.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Gene D. Ramey, a girl, **Diane Elfriede.**

2 April

To Cpl .and Mrs. David V. Adams, Sr., a boy, **David Vernon, Jr.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis E. Balshaw, a boy, **Chris Edward.**

3 April

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Glen Myers, a boy, **Robert Lee.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Joseph Kostka, Jr., a boy, **Joseph III.**

4 April

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James V. Roberts, a boy, **John Harrison.**

5 April

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Eugene L. Klesitz, a girl, **Karen Lee.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Richard J. Kohman, a boy, **Phillip Andrel.**

To 1st. Lt. and Mrs. Dan L. Hickey, a girl, **Deborah Sue.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Vernon M. Brown, a girl, **Margaret Louise.**

6 April

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Othmar H. Fuchs, a girl, **Judith Anne.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Einar P. Fauske, a girl, **Donnah Kristine.**

To Rct. and Mrs. Robert G. Hand, a girl, **Julie Ann.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Alvin F. Jerome, a girl, **Barbara Anne.**

7 April

To Pfc. and Mrs. Samuel T. Halstead, a girl, **Gail Leilani.**

To 1st. Lt. and Mrs. Loxley R. Scott, a boy, **James Woodring.**

An American soldier in Germany was leaning against a tree on a Berlin street reading his hometown paper. A German citizen walked by and politely inquired, "Vos sachs do?"

The soldier looked up from the sports page and said: "They lost six to four."

MEDICAL DETACH

Master Sergeant **William Braye** of Receiving Office, who won a prize for color photography in the Army all-service photography contest, received his prize—a handsome gold wristwatch—during the Army Day ceremonies last Saturday.

Private **Charles Biely** of Hospital Service Branch was pleasantly surprised this past week end by a visit from his brother, Private **Lyle Biely.** Lyle is now stationed at Camp Stoneman and will shortly be leaving for overseas duty in Japan.

Private **George Homsey,** formerly of the Information Office, has now been assigned to the Sergeant Major's office, and will be Brig. Gen. **Frank L. Cole's** driver. George is taking over this duty from Corporal **John Fasbender,** who received his discharge this week.

Master Sergeant **Charles G. Ellicott** of Special Services is reported as being an accomplished organist. Last week he played for the wedding of two Lettermanites, Captain and Mrs. **Eugene Temme,** when they were married at the Chapel of Our Lady. Sergeant Ellicott was one of the first demonstrators of the Hammond Electric Organ when it was introduced. His wife, who last year sang with the Vienna Opera in Vienna, was soloist at the wedding and also sang at the reception which followed the ceremony.

Sergeant **Eddie Alfusso,** the smiling sergeant from Medical Supply, returned last week from a trip to New York bringing his wife with him. They are making their home at Hunter's Point.

Corporal **Don Hill** of the N-P Service recently visited Monterey and Carmel. When he started back he saw a sign that proclaimed "This Will Take You to San Francisco," and decided to take it seriously. Don says "I sat on that sign for an hour and it didn't move an inch. You never can trust those road signs."

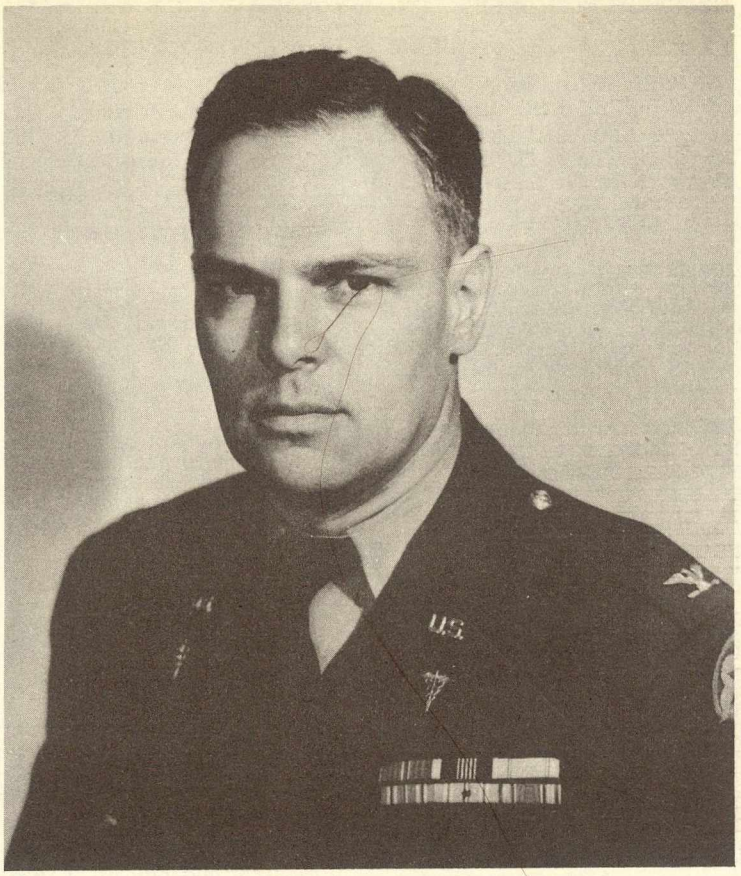
"Why so out of sorts, Brown?"

"Oh, I've had a very trying day. My office boy tried that old one about wanting the afternoon off to attend his grandmother's funeral and I decided to teach him a lesson, so I said I would go with him."

"Well, was it a good ball game?"

"It wasn't a ball game at all. It was his grandmother's funeral."

HE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC AND IN THE SGO BEFORE COMING TO LGH



Colonel HOMAN E. LEECH, MC
Resident in Internal Medicine at Letterman

Colonel Homan E. Leech, MC, who is a resident in Internal Medicine here at Letterman, has been here nearly a year and has served as ward officer on several Medical Service wards during that time. At present he is ward officer on O-2. He began his residency training in January 1948, and before coming to Letterman last May attended the basic science course at the Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C. By July of this year Colonel Leech will have completed 11 years as a Medical Corps officer in the Army. He spent a year and half in the Personnel Division, Office of The Surgeon General, before coming to his present assignment, and during that time worked on plans for the residency training program.

Colonel Leech was born in Spencer, Massachusetts. He received his M. D. from Boston University in 1936 and interned for two years at Binghamton City Hospital, Binghamton, New York, then came into the Army in July 1938. While awaiting his commission in the Regular Army, he was on CCC duty at Fort Eathan Allen, Vermont. He was commissioned in the Regular Army 1 December 1938, after which he was assigned to the station hospital at Fort Wright, N. Y., remaining there until he was sent to Medical Field Service School at Carlisle in September 1940. This was followed by a special course at Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C.

Colonel Leech then served with the 8th Infantry Division, first as battalion executive officer and finally as division surgeon. Later he was with 9th Corps as acting corps surgeon and medical inspector, and in June 1944 was transferred to duty with the 10th Army, serving as medical inspector overseas during the Ryukus campaign. He was overseas for 13 months, and upon his return to the States in October 1945 he attended the first command class at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, then entered upon the 18-month tour of duty in the Office of The Surgeon General.

Colonel Leech and his wife, the former Miss Winnifred A. Felch, have one son, Peter, who is five years old, and "planning for picnics and fishing trips with Pete" has top priority on the Colonel's list of leisure-time pleasures. He likes to play golf and to read, particularly historical novels, and especially enjoys the novels of Kenneth Roberts.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Our congratulations to Major **Wyman D. Taylor** and Captain **Robert W. Wier** on their recent promotions.

Corporal **Gerald J. Dean** and Private First Class **Luther L. Lipsett** are back from their trip to Palo Alto.

Rumor has it that Sergeant **Albert S. Mills** is trying to regain his youthful figure. He eats nothing but hard-boiled eggs and grapefruit and has lost 12 pounds in five days. Says he's doing it in preparation for a 30-day furlough during which time he will attend a party in his home town in Kansas at which Mary Pickford and Buddy Rogers will be the guests of honor. While on furlough Mills will also visit New York City.

It is said that many of the 1500 visitors who went through the hospital cars on Army Day commented that even the potatoes in the kitchen car shone with cleanliness. It is claimed that this unwonted cleanliness was due to the concentrated efforts of Master Sergeant **Julian Carmichael,** Sergeant First Class **Paulino Magale,** Corporal **James Sowder** and Private First Class **Orin Pruner,** who scrubbed the potatoes with a brush and polished them with a towel.

Corporal **Carmine DeMonico** and Corporal **James Vanatta** have received their overseas orders and will be leaving in the near future for duty in the Far East Command.

Corporal **Honie Loggins** and Private First Class **Donald Stuart** are due for discharge very soon now.

Corporal **Donald H. Frost** had the misfortune to fracture his ankle just about the time he was to be discharged, and as a result he will be in the Army for awhile longer.

"Mama," said little Susie, "do all fairy tales begin with 'once upon a time'?"

"No, darling," said Mama grimly. Sometimes they begin, "My love, I will be detained at the office pretty late tonight.' "

100 Career Jobs For Army Women Open Top Ranks

(AFPS)—Army enlisted women will be employed in approximately 100 career-type assignments in the peacetime Regular Army—assignments in which women proved to be outstandingly successful during World War II, Col. Mary A. Hallaren, Women's Army Corps Director, announced recently.

None of the assignments will be with units or activities to be found in combat areas in time of war or those requiring physical stamina beyond the Army standards for the enlistment of women, but will provide for promotion to the top enlisted grades and to either warrant officer or commissioned status to those qualified.

The present career fields for members of the Women's Army Corps are: Medical technician, X-ray technician, chemist, aerial photomapping, cryptographic technician, medical laboratory assistant, chemical laboratory assistant, classification specialist, cartographer, occupational therapy technician, pharmacy technician, criminal investigator, and photointerpreter.

Expanding on possibilities for Army careers for women, the Colonel added: "Inclusion of women in the Army's Career Guidance Program is a major step toward the achievement of one of the purposes for which a permanent Women's Army Corps was established—to determine through research how and where women's aptitudes, abilities and skills can best be used before any emergency develops.

Johnson Stresses Service Equality

Philadelphia (AFPS)—"One of the lessons we learned in World War II—and we learned it the hard way—is that the color of a man's uniform is no gauge of his value to the nation."

That was the statement of Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense, making his first formal address since succeeding James Forrestal, at the recent commissioning of the U.S.S. Roanoke, the Navy's 17,000-ton super cruiser.

"The Navy may well be proud of its blue, as the Army and Air Force are of their khaki," Johnson added. "But none of the Services would contend that it has a monopoly of the brains, valor or fidelity of the country's professional fighting men."

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Special Regulations inaugurating the Infantry Career Field will be published this month, launching the recently announced plan to bring four combat specialties under Career Guidance. The patterns of the other three new fields, Armored Cavalry, Artillery and Field Engineers, are expected to follow the Infantry plan closely.

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Impending Regulations will require dividend payments to Army and Air Force unit welfare funds on a basis of total strength rather than enlisted strength. Limits on the size of welfare funds will be revised.

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Regular Army 21-month enlistees will not be permitted to count time in such an enlistment as "prior service" for the purpose of re-enlistment for special assignment, unless they have completed at least 18 of the 21 months.

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Former Air Force personnel, re-enlisting 90 days or more after discharge, and former members of other Services enlisting or re-enlisting in the Air Force, will go to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, for processing and assignment.

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Special Army Regulations 35-2000-1, governing the new pay system effective July 1, will be distributed this month.

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A 40-week course in guided missiles, to be held at Fort Bliss, Texas, is open to Regular Navy Line officers. Classes will convene in August and November.

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Marine Corps Selection Boards are now meeting to select permanent warrant officers and qualified enlisted men for appointment to limited duty commissions, and women Marines for promotion to the grades of lieutenant colonel, major and captain.

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Effective April 1, successful passing of USAFI's Educational Qualification Test 2CX will be mandatory in order to meet educational requirements by officers who have not completed two years of college and who are applying for Regular Air Force commissions.

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The first issue of the Air Force Information and Education News Letter, containing information concerning the I&E program, is being prepared for dissemination to Air Force I&E officers in the field.

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With the exception of General Officers, Air Force personnel who have completed 27 years of service henceforth will be exempt from overseas assignment.

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The Air Force's Airplane and Engine Mechanic School is being moved from Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss., to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas. The Fixed Wire section of the Communications School is being moved from Scott AFB, Belleville, Ill., to Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Best Informed

Washington (AFPS) — "We have never had a better educated or better informed Army," Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of the Army-Air Force Troop Information and Education Division, Department of the Army, said recently.

"Our Army not only outfits its soldiers with the best available tools of warfare, but is also continually seeking to improve their mental equipment," the General added.

The task of continuing and expanding the soldier's education is a function of the Troop information and Education Division and its counterparts in the headquarters of the Army areas in the United States and overseas commands.

HOMESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

Washington, D. C. (AFPS)—Families in Buffalo are eating well, the Agriculture Department has reported. Buffalo people spend 38 per cent of their income for food, a larger percentage than families in Birmingham, San Francisco, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

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Annapolis, Md. (AFPS)—Elkton, Maryland's town of easy marriages, has been hit by inflation. The marriage license rate has been doubled from $2 to $4.

Chicago, Ill. (AFPS)—Mothers can deposit their babies with a downtown hotel which has established a 24 hour-a-day baby sitting service. Sitters report the popular pastime of the children is riding up and down in the elevators.

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El Dorado, Ill. (AFPS)—Elvis Ramsey is cutting a new tooth at age 61. The strange predicament has forced Ramsey's dentist to remove his false lower plate to make room for the new tooth.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans are reminded by Veterans Administration that VA can not pay for out-patient medical treatment by private physicians unless the injury or illness is service-connected and then only if prior authorization is obtained from VA.

Pointing out that many veterans are receiving such care without proper authorization in the mistaken belief that VA will pay the bill, VA advises veterans either to contact VA personally or to have their doctor get permission from the chief medical officer of the appropriate VA regional office before beginning treatment.

Application for authorization should include the veteran's claim number and the nature of the disability for which treatment is needed.

In cases of emergency treatment for service - connected disabilities, prior authorization is not required, but the treatment must be reported to VA within 15 days to assure payment by the agency.

Question: Will VA pay my bill if I go to a private hospital in my home town instead of a VA hospital in a distant city?

Answer: Yes, but only for a service-connected disability and if you have secured prior approval from VA.

Question: My brother plans to go to school this summer for the first time under the GI Bill. I am already attending a school under the same Bill. I wish to attend the same school my brother attends this summer. Do we have to make application in advance to attend summer school?

Answer: Yes. Your brother should apply now for a VA certificate of eligibility; and, if you intend to continue your education this summer in a different school, you should apply as soon as possible for a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

Question: I am a disabled veteran and would like to know on what basis compensation for service-connected disability is granted?

Answer: The disability must result from disease or injury incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service, in line of duty.

Question: What interest rates are lenders permitted to charge on business loans?

Answer: In most cases, 4 per cent is the maximum. However, the interest rate may be slightly higher for certain types of insured business loans.

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Colonel Maxwell Is Certified by American Board

Colonel Earl Maxwell, Chief of the EENT Service here, has been officially notified of his certification as a diplomate by the American Board of Ophthalmology, and we now have 13 medical officers rated as specialists on the Letterman staff.

Colonel Maxwell came to Letterman in June 1946 and assumed his present position as chief of the EENT Service.

He is a native of Illinois, was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, and later attended the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. He is also a graduate of the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and of the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, and he holds a flight surgeon's rating.

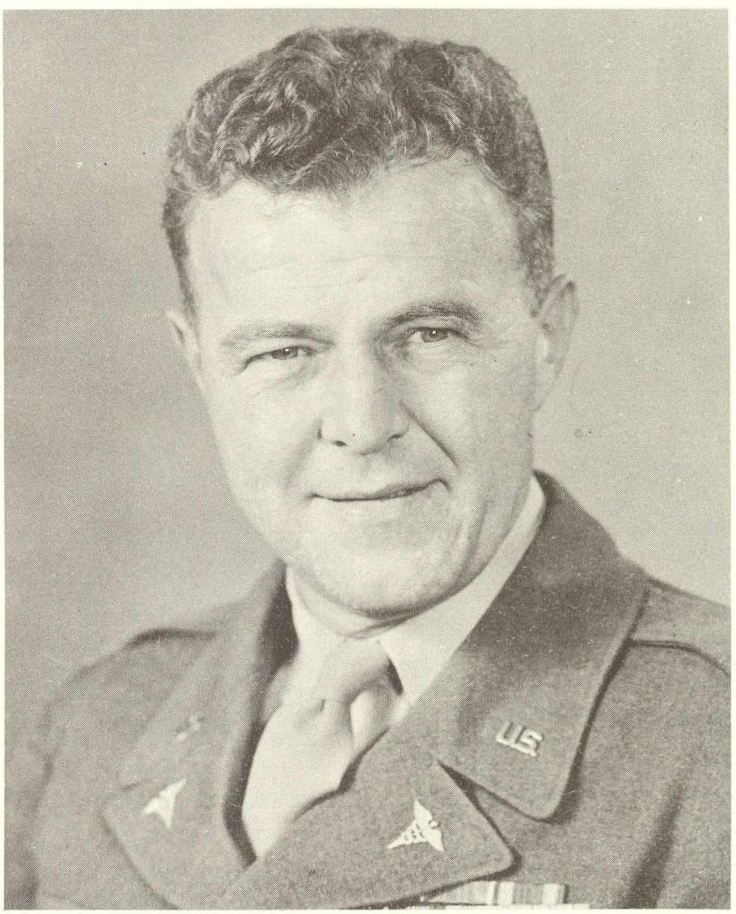
He was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1930 to 1936, then was assigned to Gorgas Hospital, Canal Zone. Later he was chief of EENT Service and flight surgeon at the station hospital, Barksdale Field, La.; and base surgeon at Army Air Base, Savannah, Ga.

During the war he held the rank of Brigadier General while overseas as theatre surgeon for the South Pacific Area, from 1942 to 1944. He served on Okinawa and in Japan before returning to the United States.

The EENT Service is one of the most active in the hospital and in all its sections treats almost 100 patients each month. The bulk of these being out patients, and the organizing ability of Colonel Maxwell is responsible for the smooth functioning of his service.

As a teaching hospital, fully approved by the American Medical Association, certified board members are a distinct asset and enhance the prestige of the Army Medical Department.

Among the other officers on the Letterman staff who are diplomates of the American Boards are Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton—Surgery; Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh—Orthopedic Surgery; Colonel James O. Gillespie and Lt. Colonel Wilbur C. Berry—Internal Medicine; Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, Colonel Stephen C. Sitter, and Lt. Colonel Albert J. Glass—Psychiatry and Neurology; Major Walton N. Edwards—Pediatrics; Colonel Wendell A. Weller—Otolaryngology; Colonel Elmer A. Lodmell—Radiology; and Colonel Kenneth F. Ernst—Clinical & Anatomic Pathology.



Colonel EARL MAXWELL, MC
New Diplomate—American Board of Ophthalmology

Original Creations Win Prizes for Letterman Patients

One hundred and fifty colorful paper and pasteboard bonnets of varying sizes and designs were displayed last Friday in a contest sponsored by the Red Cross at the recreation hall.

The bonnets, not unlike the actual, somewhat baffling trend of milady's headgear, were created by Letterman patients at ward parties during the five days preceding the judging.

Prizes included Easter Sunday luncheon at a fashionable restaurant, if the winner could attend, or a waffle breakfast prepared at the bedside of a confined patient.

Winners, by divisions, were Recruit Harry Russell, ward M-1, for the most humorous, "Dagwood Special;" Pat O'Connell, a veteran of ward D-2, the most original, "Ducky;" Corporal Vincent Guidry, ward K-2, and Recruit John Iler, ward S-1 (tied), most wearable; Sergeant Vi Moncrief, ward G-1, prettiest woman's hat, and Capt. Annabell Hull, ward O-1, most original woman's hat.

Honorable mention in the contest went to Colonel George Hollister, ward D-2, and Private First Class David Rubio, ward S-1.

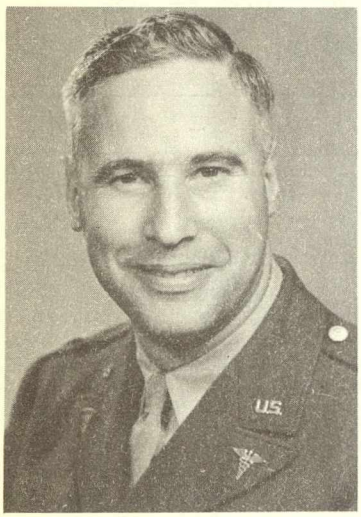
Contest judges were Mrs. Frank L. Cole, wife of Letterman's commanding general; Miss Nan White, fashion reporter for The San Francisco News; Miss Frances Rozga, fashion consultant for H. Liebes & Co., and Mrs. David Caro, vice president of the entertainment and instruction committee, San Francisco Red Cross chapter.

Master of ceremonies for the morning program was Jack Wallace, public relations director of The San Francisco Chronicle.

Spring Moves in View for Four--Others to Follow

If we might paraphrase the oft quoted poet's word about what happens in the spring it might read "In the spring the army's fancy turns our thoughts to far off scenes" because we have our share of folk who are outward bound.

Waiting at Camp Stoneman for the ship that will carry him to the Far East Command is Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Reiner, until a few days ago actively connected with the Orthopedic Service here.



RALPH REINER
Lt. Colonel, MC

His leaving marks a parting of the ways for him and his brother, Lieutenant Colonel Donald Reiner, still here on the Surgical Service. As twins they developed a habit of doing things together, completed their medical studies at the University of California, and came into the army in 1939. They were at Letterman for a few months and then both took the flight surgeons training at Randolph Field.

Then the army decided they were together long enough. Ralph went to Italy where he was Wing Surgeon and Air Force Command Surgeon with the 15th Air Force in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. Donald took off for the 10th Air Force in Burma and they stayed apart for four years until 1946 when they again met at Letterman and began the residency training course.

Ralph has finished his training and has completed the first of his examinations for certification by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and he will continue his studies in the land of the cherry blossoms.

Moving over to Oahu for station at the new Tripler General Hospital is Captain Lily Neal, ANC, who has been with us for more than two years. During her five years in the Army Nurse Corps, Capt. Neal has served in nine states and in the ETO.

Born in Springfield, Missouri, Capt. Neal attended Southwestern Missouri State College there. She majored in mathematics and received a Bachelor of Science degree in education. When she became interested in nursing, she went to Washington University School of Nursing at St. Louis, Mo., where she earned another B. S. degree.

After serving at hospitals in St. Louis and Detroit, Mich., she entered the Army in 1943 and spent ten months at Camp Ellis, Ill., before going overseas in July 1944. She was with the 123d General Hospital in England for nearly a year. She went to France and was stationed at Marseilles with the 70th Station Hospital. Shortly after V-E Day, she volunteered for duty in the Pacific theatre. She was en route to Manila when V-J Day came.



LILY NEAL
Captain, ANC

Capt. Neal also had been stationed at Crile General Hospital, Cleveland; Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, and Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va. Before coming to Letterman, she was assigned to the Personnel Research Section, AGO, New York City, where she worked on screening tests for the Regular Army Nurse Corps.

Also counting the hours until his ship sails in the opposite direction is Captain Leon T. Tayloe, MSC., who has done an excellent job as Chief of the Training branch here.

Letterman has a multiple schedule of training for all of its personnel and the task of keeping it in running order at all levels was the assignment of Capt. Tayloe. His achievement in that detail merits the highest praise of the command.

Born in Hazard, Kentucky, Capt. Tayloe attended Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester. He has been in the Army since July, 1941. He was first with the 8th Division, 28th Field Artillery at Fort Jackson, S. C., and at Fort Sill, Okla. After maneuvers in Tennessee, Capt. Tayloe went to OCS at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. After he received his commission in the Medical Administrative Corps, he was assigned to duty at the station hospital at Fort Benning, Ga., and later was sent to the station hospital at Camp McCall, N. C.

He went overseas in 1944 with the 98th General Hospital, returning to the states in January, 1946. When discharged, he returned to his home in Kentucky, but decided after three months as a civilian to return to Army life. He came to Letterman in 1946 after duty with the 79th Field Hospital, Galesburg, Ill.



LEON T. TAYLOE
Captain, MSC

And one who moves, but not too far away to Lackland Field, Texas, is First Lieutenant Mary Frances Beck, WMSC, who has been at Letterman since October and until recently was in charge of the Diversional Shop in Occupational Therapy. That shop was our pride and joy but under aegis of a new policy it has practically ceased to function.

Lieut. Beck is a native of Davenport, Iowa, and attended the university of her home state, majoring in art, and graduating with a BA degree. For a time she taught art and physical education in the Davenport schools.

In the early days of the war Lieut. Beck took an army-sponsored course in Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California and after she won her OTR—Registered Occupational Therapist—she worked in a civilan capacity in her specialty at McCaw General Hospital, until that hospital was de-activated, and then she taught O. T. at the University of Wisconsin until she was commissioned in the new Medical Womens Specialists Corps.

On her arrival at Letterman Mary Frances was interviewed in keeping with the local custom. The interviewer put the usual questions anent hobbies, pastimes, activities. Question after question and Mary Frances shook her head in the negative. In desperation for some "copy" the interviewer finally asked: "Well, Lieutenant, just what DO you do?"

And Mary Frances answered sweetly: "I tell lies."

But, truthfully, she and the others pictured on this page will be missed and all of them will be welcome if the Fates ever send them in our direction again.



MARY FRANCIS BECK
1st Lieut. WMSC

In a society safe and worthy to be free, teaching which produces a willingness to lead, as well as a willingness to follow, must be given to all.—**William F. Russell.**

Some of The Originals Created by Letterman Patients



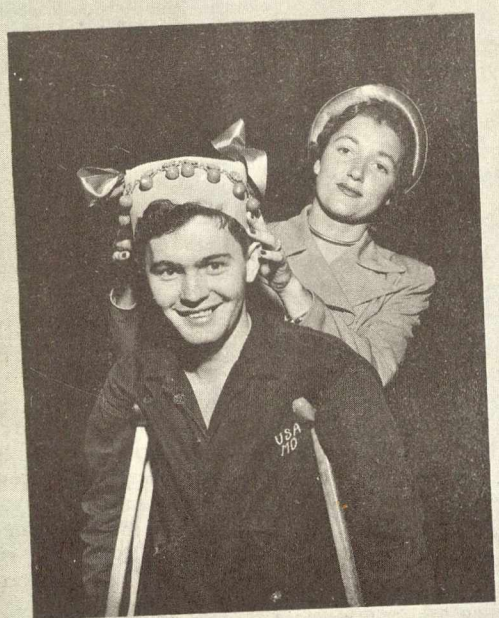
AN ORIGINAL
Not by Lily Dache is modeled by Sergeant Anne Benich, WAC, of Cincinnati.



A HAT
Not the boom about to be lowered on Private Margie Hurst of St. Petersburg, Florida by Corporal Howard Couch of Los Angeles.



LOCAL COLOR
Demonstrated by Master Sergeant Charles G. Ellicott (right) of Oakland with Red Cross canteen volunteers Mrs. George Keesling and Mrs. Margaret Price.



SOMETHING NEW
Is put in place over the brow of Private William O'Donnel of Butler, Pa., by Mrs. Betty Caro, of San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross.



"WDJER THINK OF THIS?"
Asks May Cikuth of Mrs. George Wilson, both of Red Cross.

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EDITORIAL

A REFLECTION

Expressions of philosophy may be just so many words of so-called blarney to those who would rather forego it, but we've often stopped and pondered the advice of the wise in times of stress and distress.

Theories to live by indeed are difficult to hold at times, especially when even the importance of mere living has faded like smoke from a cigarette. But—

From the pen of Wiliam M. Thackeray, the novelist and critic, there came this observation, recorded in "Vanity Fair":

"The world is a looking glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it and it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it, and it is a jolly kind companion."

Living is never struggle-free, but we might suppose, too, that life is ten per cent what you make it—90 per cent how you take it. The latter percentage must embrace the will to blaze through forests of bewilderment and emerge to see sunlight again.



Another wedding from the ranks of the ANC was reported this week. First Lieutenant **Virginia R. Harvey** was married in Albany, Calif., Friday to **James A. Anderson,** a merchant mariner. Lieut. Harvey has taken a 15-day leave.

Welcomed to the ANC here last week were two newcomers, Captain **Blanche Hawkins** and First Lieutenant **Marylyn Wightman.** Capt. Hawkins came to Letterman from the 97th General Hospital in Germany, and Lieut. Wightman was assigned from DOP, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Captain **Marguerite M. Burns,** ANC, was separated from service Friday and will return to her home in Pendleton, Oregon. Captain Burns, assigned to Letterman since January 31, came here from Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

A newcomer to Physical Therapy is First Lieutenant **Dorothy Nichols,** WMSC. Lieut. Nichols was assigned to duty at Letterman from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

First Lieutenant **Virginia Thomas,** ANC, left Letterman last Wednesday for the Far East Command, Yokohama, Japan. Lieut. Thomas had been stationed here since October, 1945.

Ten Letterman nurses were appointed recently to the permanent grade of captain in the Rgular Army Nurse Corps.

Listed by the Department of the Army for the grade were Captain Marguerite M. Burns, Captain Annabel M. Christiansen, Captain Christine Coletti, Captain Kathryn M. Doody, Captain Alma E. Heintzelman, Captain Eugenia L. Holzknecht, Captain Hallie E. Hoover, Captain Helen A. Nelson, Captain Mary A. Ward, all with rank from 16 April 1948, and Captain Eleanor H. Faulk, with rank from 26 May 1948.

Named to permanent grade also was Captain Velma L. Richardson, WMSC, chief dietician, with rank dating from 16 April 1948.

WAC

The Easter rabbit was generous in delivering the traditional eggs at the WAC Detachment this year. Multi-colored and inscribed eggs were found in the kitchen Easter Sunday morning.

The Letterman Women's Softball Team is slowly and painfully getting organized with the usual sore and stiff muscles taking its annual toll. The first game scheduled for the team is to be played in Santa Clara Friday, 29 April with a civilian women's team of that city offering the competition.

Sergeant Betty Stahl is agin back to duty after a short stay in the hospital as a patient on ward G-1.

Corporal **Patricia Farrell** is a newcomer to the Letterman WAC Detachment. She has been sent here from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for an eight weeks course in psychiatric social work, and she is currently on duty in ward 27.

Ex-WAC and Lettermanite, **Dorcas Rosenfeldt,** visited the Detachment last Thursday, bringing with her some of her paintings which she had completed. Ex-Sergeant Rosenfeldt is currently teaching in a San Francisco public school.

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** can be seen almost any evening taking her dog, "Honey" for a stroll. Since Honey is fast growing from puppyhood to a full grown dog, it's becoming rather difficult to determine just who is leading whom.

Sergeant **Elsie "Pete" McClellan** has applied for her discharge from the Army. She and her husband are planning to return to Georgia to live.

Captain **E. L. Stephenson,** ex-Letterman WAC Detachment Commanding Officer, is now stationed at Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as commanding officer of the WAC Detachment there.

School Days

Chaplain (Captain) Eugene C. Lavery, who has been assistant post Chaplain here since January of this year, left on Tuesday morning by plane to attend a special course at the Chaplains' School, Carlisle, Pa. He is expected to return to Letterman in mid June.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 24, April 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Mr. Johnson Urges Early Action on Increase in Pay

(AFPS)—Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson has strongly endorsed pending legislation on upward revision of Service pay and is urging favorable House action at the earliest possible date.

In a letter to Congressman Paul J. Kilday (Tex.) chairman of a House subcommittee considering the pay legislation, Mr. Johnson said he regarded it as "one of the most vitally important matters now pending before the Congress."

He added that action on the legislation might well determine whether the Armed Forces are kept at maximum efficiency.

"It is important not only from the standpoint of Service morale," Mr. Johnson wrote, "but also from the standpoint of maintaining the highest quality of personnel in the Armed Forces."

From Congressman Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, came the prediction that the pay bill, as amended by the sub-committee, would be approved by the full committee and passed by the House soon after the Easter recess.

Mr. Vinson indicated that no change will be made in the present laws pertaining to retirement, which will make it possible to delete from the bills the sections pertaining to such retirements. This will assure more speedy passage by the House of the pay provisions.

Great men speak to us only so far as we have ears and souls to hear them; only so far as we have in us the roots, at least, of that which flowers out in them.—**Will Durant.**

IN THE NEWS



Miss HARRIET BAKEN
Music Instructor

What is euphemistically termed the "exigiencies of the service" will explain why Miss Harriet Baken is bidding us "au revoir" this week.

Miss Baken, whose musical background is extensive, has been counseling Letterman patients in music for three and a half years. She came here in December, 1945, after working as music instructor at Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Washington.

The attractive instructor was graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Idaho in her home town of Moscow, Idaho. She went to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston on a scholarship, continuing her studies in piano, music theory, harmony, counterpoint and sight singing.

While in Boston, Miss Baken gave several piano concerts, and she also was a member of the Boston Trio, a group composed of piano, violin and 'cello. She played various piano recitals in San Francisco and adjoining communities.

Miss Baken has taken post graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles for her master's degree and is now at work on the completion of her thesis.

Her position here has included both class and individual instruction.

Although her plans for the future are indefinite, she says she will continue her career in music.

The happiest and most useful people are those with many interests. People with no interests grow into introverts, cultivate self-pity, make themselves uncompanionable and get into mischief. They are like a ship at sea with its rudder gone. **—F. R. Johnson.**

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Seen strolling along the busy ramps of Letterman this week was **Colonel John Henninger,** ward D-2, who has had to be in traction.

Recruit **John M. Kislo,** ward O-2, continues to haunt the Troop I. & E. office in quest of learning.

The music and typing lessons of Private **William Mendonides,** ward 30, will be taken with added zest now—since he has been able to abandon the sling which supported his right arm.

Private **Kenneth Collier,** ward C-1, who was flown to Letterman from mid-ocean for emergency care, has been studying biology. He is interested in becoming an embalmer.

One big birthday party for all military personnel with such anniversaries in April will be held at the Army YMCA next Wednesday. Playing for the "Everybody's Birthday Party" dance will be the orchestra from the Port of Embarkation at Fort Mason.

A picnic and swimming party will leave the "Y" at 1 a. m. Sunday to Lake Anza in the Berkeley Hills. Box lunches will be taken by those attending.

Friendly, likeable **John Martin,** veteran of ward 42, deserves the admiration he gets for his patience and cheerfulness. He is, says Nurse Lt. **Mary Ambrosini,** an asset to the ward.

Private First Class **Alphonse Santucci,** formerly of ward 2, was discharged recently. He returned to his home in the East.

The ambition of Private **Billy Mayfield,** ward 41, is to get the deepest suntan for the season, and with the cooperation of Old Sol, he's being successful.

Two ward 31 patients, T/Sgt. **Harvey Chelf** and Corporal **Clyde Hart** were two of the six judges named to preside over an Easter egg contest for a San Francisco firm last week. The judges were selected from among patients at various military hospitals in the Bay area.

What's this? A story about **George King,** ward E-2 veteran, and his experiences in the surprise habits of the spider.

Wac Corporal **Bert Messenger,** former patient at Letterman, left last Monday on a 30-day furlough. She went to Philadelphia.

The music students crew from ward 26 also includes First Lieutenant **Alpha Scott** and Second Lieutenant **John J. Gallas.**

The pleasant personality of Captain **George O. Hanson** has won many friends for him since he came to Letterman.

First Lieutenant **Joe Brooks,** ward L-1, has been given the right-of-way from bed to wheelchair, and from ward to ramps.

Sporting a good coat of tan is First Lieutenant **Milton Walther,** ward B-1. Fishing or golf, lieutenant?

Another ward 42 veteran endowed with the virtue of patient is **Grady Neal.** Although his left leg has been in traction for six weeks, he never complains.

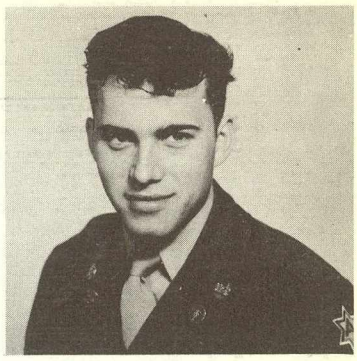
Baseball

The Pacific Coast Baseball League has opened its 1949 season providing Letterman General Hospital with the opportunity of seeing its games. Through the courtesy of the San Francisco Seals and the Oakland Oaks, patient and duty personnel from Letterman have the chance to see all their home games. The Bay Area always has one of the two teams playing here so baseball is available to Letterman at all times. Free transportation is provided for everyone leaving from the Letterman Sports Center. For more information contact Special Services.

Softball

The LGH Softball Team makes its first start in League competition this week under the lights at Ralph play ground. Their opponents are the West Coast Industries, the city champs of last year and the finalists in the state tournament. The battery for the Letterman team will be Sgt. Bill Morales, catching and Sgt. D. Litman, pitching. The LGH Pill Rollers are quite strong again this year so watch this column for results. Every Wednesday evening at Ralph play ground the Letterman team will be playing. Busses will leave the gym for those wishing to attend.

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM S. GAMBEE
Private First Class

When discharged June 2, Pfc. William S. (Lorrie) Gambee, swimming pool lifeguard and athletics instructor, plans to join his friend, Pfc. William T. Gibson, to hitchhike across the nation—home.

Home is Lynbrook, Long Lsland, for the 19-year-old Gambee, who trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, with the Army's experimental Universal Military Training Program.

The Gambee-Gibson friendship began at Knox when both became "Umptees" two years ago, and it has held firmly ever since—despite one fistic encounter. Gambee and Gibson were matched in a boxing bout at Fort Bragg, N. C., but, ironically enough, there was no decision declaring a winner.

Gambee, a light-heayweight, fought in several matches while at Fort Bragg, where he attended the physical training school before his transfer to Letterman March 15, 1948.

Assigned to Army service unit 6930, Gambee has been night lifeguard at the swimming pool and has conducted children's classes in swimming and tennis during the day. He played guard for Letterman's basketball team last season, and ran the 440-yard dash in the Sixth Army track finals as a member of the Letterman cinder squad. He threw the javelin, too, and placed fourth in both events in the finals which he "never expected to reach."

The son of a wartime field artillery colonel, Gambee plans to enter the University of Vermont next fall to follow a general course of study. He hopes also to play basketball and track at Vermont.

CIVIL CIRCLES

San Luis Obispo seems to be **Jerri Ferrar's** favorite leisure spot. Jerri, of the X-ray Service, traveled by plane to spend a recent week end there and will again take to the air when she will fly to attend the Cal-Poly College prom next week end.

Frances Clarke of Military Personnel will assume the role of a painter next week when she starts to re-decorate her apartment. We hope she doesn't get paint on her pretty, red hair.

Linda Nasey, X-ray, set about coloring Easter eggs for her children but when shs finished the job she was dismayed to discover more dye on her hands than on the eggs.

Mrs. **Leah Frisbee,** Library, spent a recent weekend with her son enjoying the beauty of Carmel, Calif., while **Carmelita Lenhart** of the Sick & Wounded office spent a pleasant week visiting her family and friends in Monterey.

La Honda, Calif., was the place **Lee Bakken** chose to spend two weeks leave with her friends recently.

Hazel Nelson of Finance plans to spend a few days vacationing in Santa Barbara before traveling to Texas. She will be gone three weeks.

Mr. **Thomas Poole** of Grounds & Maintenance has picked up his carpenter's tools after returning this week from a vacation spent in New York and New Jersey.

We are glad to see **Hazel Gerken** of Military Personnel back on the job after two weeks sick leave and **Helen Jacvoleff** of the Library who returned to her duties after a week's illness.

Bob Giovannoli, Finance office, devoted his time to gardening and watching his fruit trees grow during a recent week's leave.

We wonder when the penthouse apartment of **June Grumstrup** will be ready for inspection.

A man returned home on night at a late hour and, finding difficulty with his equilibrium, made considerable noise in the hallway. Suddenly, there was a sound of crashing glass which awakened his wife.

"John," she called, "what's the matter?"

From downstairs came a low mumble, "I'll teach those goldfish to snap at me."

ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR BIDS US AU REVOIR THIS WEEK



Mrs. MARY V. McFADDEN
No longer worries about deadlines

Moving this week to fields afar from the rush to make the deadline on the Foghorn is Mrs. Mary McFadden, who has been the assistant to the editor of this paper since March 1946. In all that time she never missed a deadline though some of the gray hair distinguishing the editor is there because on occasion she was awfully, awfully close.

Mrs. McFadden became a professional in journalism after studying at Northwestern University, and among other positions was one with the Chicago office of "Time" magazine. She and her husband were the owners and publishers of a California weekly and for four years she was the editor of "Depot Doings"—the official weekly of the Oakland Army Base.

In her work at Letterman she acquired a wide acquaintance with the people of the command, and if she was sometimes facetiously called "Mrs. Foghorn" it was not because of a booming voice. On the contrary, she is endowed with a gentle voice and a facility for conversation that won her many friends. People never could be quite sure they were not being interviewed for possible news angles but she never published a word that was given to her "off the record."

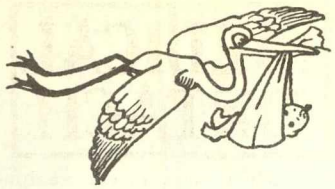
Mrs. McFadden had the chore of writing up the male and female features each week and accomplished her assignment in a pleasant style to the complete satisfaction of our readers and the individuals concerned. At least, no one ever came to the "Sanctum" with a horsewhip or shot-gun to demand redress for the printed word.

She will be near enough to watch with a critical eye what her successor produces, but we know it will also be a friendly eye.

Visitor

Mr. Joseph G. Conroy, of the medical illustration service at the Army Institute of Pathology, was a recent Letterman visitor to discuss matters of mutual interest in the operation of the clinical photographic facilities at our photolaboratory.

Master Sergeant Harold E. Dixon, non-commissioned officer in charge, and his assistant, Mr. Marshall Douglas, were the hosts to Mr. Conroy during the visit.



7 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Merle S. Brown, a girl, **Barbara Jean.**

8 April

To Capt. and Mrs. Edward P. Hale, a girl, **Denise.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald W. Carnahan, a boy, **Randall William.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Dewey H. Skelton, a girl, **Barbara Ellen.**

To Major and Mrs. William H. Nicolson, a girl, **Nancy Eleanor.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Albert S. Gainey, Jr., a girl, **Aldeena Jean.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James S. Smith, a girl, **Karol Glenda.**

10 April

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas J. Feeney, a boy, **Kevin Francis.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Alex A. Wilkison, a girl, **Audrey Fay.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Johnny A. Pace, a boy, **Darrell Steven.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert C. Skells, a boy, **Michael Shay.**

11 April

To Capt. and Mrs. Todd G. Williams, a boy, **Jeffrey Todd.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert J. Kirkwood, a boy, **Alfred John.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Bion N. Beal, a girl, **Kathleen Clare.**

12 April

To Cpl. and Mrs. Elston L. Landrum, a boy, **Elston Luby.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Billings, a boy, **Richard Arnold.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Alva G. Daniels, a boy, **James Morton.**

13 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Riegle, a boy, **Kenneth Christopher.**

14 April

To Capt. and Mrs. Jesse Vivian Lee, a boy, **William Dennis.**

Unification

Lieutenant Colonel Frank R. Day, MSC., long time Lettermanite in the early war days and before, is now the Army liaison officer at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia.

Under the joint agreement this hospital extends care and treatment to army personnel and dependents as part of the unification of medical facilities of the armed forces.

MEDICAL DETACH

It seems there is an old tradition that everyone who is discharged from the Army is obliged to play a practical joke on the men he leaves behind. Pfc. **James Faucett** was no exception. He took a tube of liquid solder and poured it into the locks of all his friends (?).

Pfc. **William Gibson** of Special Services has been taking a lot of kidding lately about the clothes he recently bought. It seems that the clothes have big red ants painted all over them.

Cpl. **Harold E. Nichols** of the Troop I & E office left last week end on a three day pass. He and his wife spent the time in Los Angeles visiting his folks.

Pfc. **Bradford K. Libby** of the Letterman Swimming Pool and Cpl. **Jack Condon** of the same place having a friendly feud at the pool lately. It all started when Brad pushed Jack into the pool and Jack retaliated by soaking Brad with a bucket full of water. It is rumored now they have signed a peace treaty.

Cpl. **James E. Hodges** of the Classification and Assignment office left last week to attend a six weeks course in administration at Camp Lee, Va.

Sgt. 1st Class **Clarence Carrick,** who just returned from a 30 day leave in Tennessee has been transferred to the 9956 Hospital Train Unit, together with his famed "Red Racer."

Bowling

The Letterman Men's Bowling Team returned this week from the Sixth Army Bowling Tournament at Fort Ord, California. They were one of the twenty teams entered in the tournament which was to provide a Sixth Army champion. They performed very well and although they didn't finish first, one of their men, Lt. Oliver Rajala, was able to finish second high in the all events. The team which is captained by Sgt. Charles Wilcox finished fifth out of twenty teams which was in itself a very good showing.

Baby Corn: "Where did I come from, Mama?"

Mamma Corn: "Hush, darling; the stalk brought you."

JEWISH AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN IS A VERY BUSY MAN—AND LIKES IT



Rabbi WILLIAM Z. DALIN
Letterman Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain

William Z. Dalin who has been Jewish auxiliary chaplain at Letterman for almost a year is well known to many of us and we feel that all of us should be acquainted with him. Rabbi Dalin was born in Lithuania, made his college course at New York University and is a graduate of the Rabbinical School at New Haven, Connecticut. In civilian life he was the rabbi for the Hebrew Institute in Brooklyn.

Rabbi Dalin came into the Army in 1944 and was stationed with the Air Force Western Training Command at Williams Field in Phoenix, Arizona. He next went for a ten months tour of duty with the Air Transport Command in the Burma-India Theatre of Operations. He followed that with a tour of duty with Air Forces in Germany with headquarters at Weisbaden. He was separated from service with a captain's commission in the Officers Reserve Corps at Lowry Field, Colorado in April of last year.

The rabbi's official position is director of division of religious activities for the National Jewish Welfare Board for San Francisco and vicinity. As the auxiliary Jewish chaplain for the Sixth Army his field af activities embrace the Presidio, Letterman General Hospital, Hamilton Field, Camp Stoneman, Fairfield-Suisan Air Base, Golden Gate National Cemetery, Oakland Army Base, and the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Rabbi Dalin was married in 1944 in New York City to Miss Bella Y. Boner of Pretoria, South Africa. The romance had its inception when they were both engaged in welfare activities at Tel Aviv in Palestine. Rabbi Dalin is a very highly esteemed asset to this command and he is always assured of a warm welcome on his visits.

Credit

The photographs shown on page 3 are the work of Larry Kenny, wartime ace photographer with the Army Signal Corps at the Presidio, and now busy at his profession in San Francisco. He is the official Red Cross cameraman.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The hum of activity around HTU faded Friday with the departure of the hospital train. The Crissy annex area has been buzzing since the arrival of the hospital ship Hope 13 April. The ship carried 250 patients stateside.

Apparently there's no limit on romance. Seen talking to his girl on the telephone at 0600 the other morning was Corporal John E. David.

The Evacuation Office beat the Wardmen in a volleyball tilt last Monday. Lifting litters must develop muscles.

Corporal William H. Jordan gave his car, Josephine, a new look for Easter. He decorated it with colored Easter eggs, bunnies, chickens and streamers.

CHUCKLES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Adolph: "Say, Joe, I have to tell you this. I'm sorry, but that ring I sold you the other day was phony."

Joe: "Well, that's okay. I paid you with money I snitched from your vest pocket.

Adolph: "Why, you rat, that was counterfeit."

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Judge: "You've already admitted driving over this man with a loaded truck. What do you have to say in your defense?"

Culprit: "I didn't know it was loaded."

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Marine: "You have lived in this out-of-the-way place for thirty years? I can't see a thing around here that would keep you busy all that time.

Native: "Neither can I. That's why I live here."

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Recruit: "Golly, honey, did you knit that sweater all by yourself?"

Sweet thing: "Yes, all but the hole you put your head through —that was there when I started."

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Captain: "Would you say that Private Brown is a steady worker?"

1st Sgt.: "If he were any steadier, he'd be motionless."

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He was perplexed over part of his GED test.

OIC: "Does that particular question bother you?"

Soldier: "No, sir, but the darned answer is giving me a lot of trouble."

Troop Information And Education

For more than half a century, home study has been meeting the real test of education in the dual capacity of enabling ambitious people to get a better living and in setting before them higher standards of life.

Self-study and correspondence work is the medium by which men may bring recognition and greater accomplishment within their grasp. It is by far the most satisfactory method yet devised for the great group of people who must prepare themselves for larger success while they continue working for a living or contributing to the living of others.

Most people see their leisure time as an opportunity to make themselves more efficient and therefore more capable of earning a larger income. The other results gleaned from self-study are self-confidence, secured through the process of utilizing leisure moments for definite vocational or professional advancement; knowledge and skills; and character building, since it challenges the integrity, sticktuitiveness, and determination of the individual.

Education as it is conceived today is a continuous life process from the cradle to the grave and self-study and correspondence study are the best methods yet devised of serving ambitious adults with organized study courses after the formal school days have passed.

Among the various groups which could most obviously profit by such study are the following:

a. Men and women who have been deprived of the opportunity of going to school.

b. Men and women who have finished school, and now see a definite goal ahead with self and correspondence study as the direct means of reaching it.

c. Personnel who want to keep abreast of the time, and to retain and add to the general culture already received in school.

d. Personnel who want to continue special training for advanced technical or executive positions.

The United States Government has become the largest single patron of such courses. Its Armed Forces Institute, with headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, and overseas branches in eight different parts of the world, has made available more than 235 different correspondence courses to members of the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

"Education Wise Is Army Wise" so visit your Troop Information and Education Office, Bldg. 1039, for assistance in guiding you with your educational problem so that your Army Career may be a productive one, materially and educationally.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Army enlisted men with little or no foreign service will have priority for overseas assignment under a new directive being prepared. Even men classified as "essential" by commanding officers will not be retained more than six months after initial consideration for foreign duty.

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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg has notified all air commands: "The new Air Force uniforms *will not* be worn until full instructions (which will be contained in a uniform regulation) have been published."

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The Air Force soon will re-establish the MOS of Welfare Specialist, SSN—534, for the first time since 1943. Approximately 500 Welfare Specialists will perform technical duties in religious and morale programs and assist Base Chaplains.

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A new-type combat boot, resembling paratrooper boots, and capable of taking a high polish, is being tested at Fort Knox, Ky., for possible use by the Army. Two thousand pairs have been issued to selected personnel of the 3rd Armored Division.

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Details of the Artillery Career Plan, second of four combat specialties to be brought under Career Guidance will be published shortly. The Artillery plan is expected to parallel closely the recently-published Infantry plan.

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Present authority for inter-Service transfers between the Army and Air Force will expire July 26. Such transfers are authorized by the Unification Act of July 26, 1947, for a period of two years after enactment.

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Airmen discharged on and after September 1, will have only 30 days, instead of the present 90, in which to re-enlist in grade.

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A new Air Force regulation requires inspection of mess facilities at least once each quarter by a command food supervisor or his representative. These inspectors will deal with problems requiring wing or higher level action.

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USAFI enrollments are 25% higher than they were a year ago. New enrollments during 1948 averaged slightly more than 6,000 per month.

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An Army Special Regulation, soon to be distributed, will direct military and civilian personnel to review policies and procedures connected with their work, or with which they are familiar, "to determine ways, means and areas in which economies can be effected." Personnel will be asked to forward suggestions through channels.

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TO's of Air Force heavy bomb groups are being increased from 18 to 30 planes.

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A House Armed Services subcommittee has been appointed to "inquire into the adequacy of the organization and training of the civilian components of the Armed Services."

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Defense Secretary Johnson has asked Congress to adopt legislation authorizing advances of not more than three months pay to officers and first-three-graders of all Services, on permanent change of station. Such advances already are authorized for Navy and Marine officers under certain conditions.

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The House Armed Services Committee has approved legislation which would rescind a 1926-dated requirement that, in peacetime, a minimum of 20% of pilots in Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps tactical units must be enlisted men.

Soviet Movie "Smellies" To Vie With Hollywood

Bucharest, Rumania (AFPS)—The Soviet film industry is planning to scoop Hollywood in the very near future—pictures that "smell" will soon be produced.

Grigori Alexandrov, a Russian movie director told a Bucharest audience that, just as the talkies emerged from a day dream 20 years ago, so will the smellies.

Mr. Alexandrov added: "We want to look through the screen as through a window. We want to hear, to see, but also to smell the breeze of the sea, the perfume of flowers and of green pastures."

Answering the Veterans Queries

A number of veterans each month run the risk of allowing their National Service Life insurance to lapse because they fail to take a second look before mailing premium payments, Veterans Administration said.

Each month, VA district offices receive checks, money orders and postal notes that cannot be cashed, although they were intended to pay NSLI premiums. Many checks are not signed. Others are made payable to companies and organizations that have no connection with VA.

VA attempts to clear up such mistakes immediately, by writing to the veteran within 24 hours. But his premium cannot be marked "paid" until he sends back a cashable payment.

If the veteran who forgets to sign his check is near the end of his 31-day grace period, there is particular danger that his insurance may lapse, VA said.

Checks, money orders or postal notes should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. If, for any reason, the veteran does not have a VA premium envelope and does not know his insurance number, he should make certain his payment is accompanied by his full name, address and armed forces serial number.

Question: How does a veteran apply for readjustment allowance?

Answer: A veteran must present his original service discharge or separation paper, or if that has been lost or destroyed, a certificate in lieu of, or a properly authenticated copy of such paper. He must file an application on Veterans Administration Form 4-1382. An initial claim is usually filed at the same time the application is made. This claim indicates whether the veteran is unemployed, partially employed or self-employed.

Question: I have completed my on-the-job training course and have some entitlement left. I would like to take another course. May I enroll at another school?

Answer: You may use any remaining entitlement either for on-the-job training or for educational training with VA's prior approval.

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Some Changes in Mailing Address For 18 Officers

Changes in address are looming up for many of our officers in the next few months and for most of them the new address will be an APO number. Orders or alerts for 18 officers are now on file at the Personnel Office and the outward bound procession will start on 1 May when Warrant Officer Dominic Germane is due to leave for the Headquarters of the European Command or EUCOM.

Others who will follow him to that command are Captain Minnie L. Young, assistant chief, Personnel Division; 1st Lt. Jack Hermanson, administrative assistant, Physical Medicine Service; 1st Lt. Joseph L. Russell, assistant hospital mess administrator; 1st Lt. Eugene E. Lockhart, assistant supply officer; 1st Lt. Richard C. DiSalle, assistant chief, Convalescent Services; and 1st Lt. Frances E. Harllee, Troop I&E officer.

Heading in the other direction to the Far Eastern Command—FECOM are Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Chief, Out Patient Service; Lt. Col. Robert S. Mathews, Hospital Inspector; Capt. Sherman Lewis, assistant chief, operative section, Dental Service; 1st Lt. Gertrude L. Shaffer, Physical Therapy; 1st Lt. Robert W. Wier, commanding officer, enlisted section, Hospital Train Unit; 1st Lt. Herman Frankenstein, assistant provost marshal, Warrant Officer Harold S. Wayment, chief, Separation Branch and Warrant Officer Willis W. Crump, assistant commanding officer, station complement.

One lone officer is slated for the Caribbean Command at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, and he is Capt. George S. Johnston, chief, Chemistry Section, Laboratory Service, due to move on 20 June.

Two officers who have completed their residency training will leave for posts within the continental limits. Lt. Colonel Herbert D. Edger, ward officer, Ward L-1, goes to Camp Campbell, Ky., while Major Douglas E. Ramsey, assistant chief, Orthopedic Service, will take station at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.



Miss PHOEBE STEFFEY
New Red Cross Director of Recreation

To Washington

Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the Commanding General, will leave for Washington on Sunday morning to attend a series of conferences in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army. He will return on Friday.

Colonel James B. Stapleton, Deputy Commander, will assume command of Letterman during the absence of General Cole.

Ice Cream Sodas Are More Popular In Our New Army

(AFPS)—Getting today's soldier into the soda bars and Service Clubs instead of the tap room is the main purpose of the Service Club Branch of the Special Service Section, according to WAC Captain Frances Rice, Chief, Recreation Branch, Special Service Division.

Captain Rice headed a special team from the Chief of Special Services Office which has concluded a three month series of training conferences throughout the six Army areas with a week-long meeting at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Other members of the team were Miss Katherine Donaldson, of New Brunswick, N. J., Chief of Service Clubs in Japan, and Miss Katherine Moran, of Milledgeville, Ga., Staff Service Club Director, European Command.

Captain Rice said that 60% of the men in the Army today are under 22 years of age, and 80% under 25. Therefore, she added, the theme of the Service Club Training Conferences has been that the Service Clubs should be so setup as to take the place of the "corner drug store" with which the young men's civilian lives have been so closely connected. Sodas at the present time outsell beer two-to-one in the Army camps, she stated.

The team also pressed the theme that morale and welfare in the Army is a woman's job. The Service Club program is handled entirely by women with 1,200 Army Recreation Directors at work throughout the world, simulating hometown activities for the soldiers.

During the training conference, Miss Donaldson spoke on the Service Clubs in the Pacific. She pointed out that the program was taken over from the Red Cross in March of 1948.

Our Red Cross Recreation Program Never Dull Here

The American public is well-acquainted with the Red Cross and its functions in the community, state and nation.

Part of its program is especially designed to help in the care of the sick and wounded at military hospitals throughout the world through diversified recreational and educational projects and activities.

At Letterman, the Red Cross program is extensive, covering numerous ward parties, games, movies, clubs and special interest projects daily.

Have you seen a small piano being moved along the ramps? Or the Gray Lady walking near it? Likely, she's on her way to a ward to play the requests of patients confined to bed.

In another ward, a recreation worker may be conducting the games, quiz contests and puzzles that make-up a ward party.

Movies are shown in a number of wards daily, and other activities include birthday parties; visiting entertainers, coffee hours and waffle or popcorn parties, card parties, instruction and hobbies for both men and women patients.

Among the most popular activities in the Letterman Red Cross program are the clubs that have brought together patients who have special interests-in-common or those who seek to develop new interests.

The stamp club meets every other week, but in between regular sessions, Letterman philatelists are busy sorting stamps, preparing them for collections and working on their projects. The club, with the help of interested collectors from San Francisco and other communities, has become an important activity in the recreational program.

Other active groups include the barbecue club, chess club and anglers' club. The barbecue club holds all-day outings, with members cooking their own food and cultivating herbs for their special sauces.

Patients vie in various Chess club activities, and the schedule includes, as well, chess by mail and games with experts.

Interest in the anglers' group has been stimulated with the arrival of spring. Members take fishing trips on a boat provided by Army Special Services.

Programs at the recreation hall feature coffee hours three times weekly, parties on the first and third Mondays each month, dances on the second and fourth Mondays, and club meetings and special activities.



STAFF CONFERENCE
New director Miss Steffey (left) discusses recreation program with her "exec"—Miss May Cikuth.

The Red Cross also sponsors off-post trips for patients to points of interest, convalescent rides for groups and individuals and trips to musical and theatrical events. Special projects like the recent hat-making contest are sponsored regularly.

The Red Cross also provides recreation supplies and candy for patients leaving Letterman aboard hospital trains.

Directing the recreational program here is tall, energetic Miss Phoebe Steffey, supervisor, and her "executive officer," Miss May Cikuth, chief recreation worker. Seven staff recreation workers help guide the various projects, aided by more than 350 volunteer workers.

The entire Red Cross program at Letterman is directed by Miss Grace Guilford, the field director, and a full-time staff of 31.

Miss Steffey was assigned to Letterman April 11 to succeed Miss Anna Mahoney, the recreation chief for two years. Miss Mahoney left to become recreation consultant for the Red Cross in military hospitals in Europe—a post once held by Miss Steffey.

Miss Steffey has been with the Red Cross for six years, serving at various stations in the continental United States and overseas as well as aboard hospital ships.

She interrupted her RC service to become director of the West End Neighborhood House, a Community Chest project in Wilmington, Delaware. She came to Letterman from Wilmington after rejoining the service organization.

A graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park, Miss Steffey also attended Virginia College in Roanoke, Virginia, the School of Speech at Northwestern University, and did graduate work at Columbia University Teachers College.

Theatrical ambition is in the background of her life, too. She studied for the theatre at the Studio of Theatre Arts in Washington and with Maria Ouspenskaya in New York.

Her assignments with the Red Cross included duty aboard the Army hospital ship Emily H. M. Weder in mid-1944, with the National Headquarters staff until December, 1945, and duty aboard a bride ship until June, 1946, when she went to Germany as recreation consultant. Miss Steffey was overseas until October, 1947, when she left for the Wilmington post.

"I feel very fortunate, indeed, to be assigned to Letterman," says the affable recreation director. "This is a wonderful Red Cross staff to work with and the cordiality of the whole hospital staff has made me feel at home here already. And surely there isn't a more beautiful Army post anywhere."

Search for Veterans To Claim Benefits

Washington (AFPS)—The Canadian Government wants "a few thousand" Americans who served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the war to claim the benefits that are theirs for the asking.

The Canadian Department of Veterans' Affairs recently announced that "a very large number" of Americans have been paid and Canada wants to pay off those remaining on the books.

All veterans of the Canadian forces are entitled to a war-service gratuity and a re-establishment credit. The gratuity is $7.50 for each 30 days of service in the Western Hemipshere and $15 for each 30 days' service overseas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Rhonda Fleming, the red-haired beauty who plays opposite Bing Crosby in Paramount's Technicolor production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir while preparing herself for an acting career.

BRIEF CIRCUS CAREER

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who plays King Arthur in Paramount's Technicolor production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," ran off with a traveling circus company in England when he was six years old. His big top career lasted 24 hours.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



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EDITORIAL

UNDERSTANDING

A friend has written a book. Called "Lonesome Valley," it is a warm, sympathetic account of a mountain boy's tussle with the world.

At at time like this, when nations bicker and shadows streak the smile of Lady Peace, the theme of Mr. Henry Hornsby's product is important.

Concerned is the situation of bewildered Johnny Baker, prodigal, perhaps, but human. The hero loses his fight against the overwhelming, frightening complexity of city living and returns home to face indifference and contempt from his own society.

If the case of Johnny Baker were apart from reality, the book would have no mention here. But the fact is appallingly universal. There are thousands of Johnny Bakers, lonesome and bewildered, living on farms, in small villages and towns and even in the large cities. They turn from defeat for help and find only more defeat.

So plagued, many turn to reap a peculiar kind of arrogant self-respect, highly detrimental to society. They become problems, police files.

If understanding came as easily as contempt wouldn't living be a little more pleasant.



Back on duty at Letterman is First Lieutenant **Eleanor O. Prescott,** ANC, after a relatively short trip in the direction of Korea. Lieut. Prescott was ordered to the Far East Command but when she arrived at the POE, Camp Stoneman, her orders were revoked and she returned to Letterman. She has been stationed here since September, 1948.

A new arrival is First Liuetenant **Clare S. Sokira,** ANC, transferred to Letterman from the station hospital at Camp Stoneman.

Second Lieutenant **Marie D. Gutowski,** ANC, will be transferred to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi to join her husband, Second Lieutenant L. M. Coley, stationed there.

Week-end passes were taken last week-end by Captain **Helen H. Nelson,** ANC, and Captain **Edith Ansley,** ANC. Capt. Nelson visited the scenic Russian River section, and Capt. Ansley went to Santa Cruz.

The troop train carried at least four Letterman nurses who are taking leaves after arriving at hospitals in the Midwest and East.

First Lieutenant **Catherine A. Merit,** ANC, went aboard the train to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. She has taken a 30-day leave to spend at her home in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

To Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, went Captain **Lydia Arnold,** ANC, who will spend a 30-day leave at her home in Newnan, Georgia.

First Lieutenant **Jessie B. Jones,** ANC, has taken seven days to visit in Maine after leaving the train at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Captain **Eleanor H. Faulk,** ANC, will visit Denver, Colorado, en route back to Letterman after accompanying patients to Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan.

News is scarce this week from Occupational Therapy. Seems everybody has been busy with a renovation program.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major **John F. Doyle,** Director of Personnel, heading for Washington in connection with problems in his specialty.

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Lieut. **Ray Lehman,** giving up baby sitting to lead his softball team to a dunking by the Marines.

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Many blank spaces on the Ward Directory boards. Is it possible some of our doctors and nurses prefer to remain nameless.

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David "Muscles" Edgmont, on ward D-1, inundated with comic magazines and impervious to all else.

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Master Sergeant **Roscoe Holloway** passing out cigars in honor of six pounds of baby boy—the first in his family.

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The same faces each morning having breakfast at the PX Grill on Government time.

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The door knob on D-1 fixed for the time being—and by an amateur though we do have carpenters around somewhere.

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Max Rohwer still too busy on the auto wash rack at the filling station with **Wiley Parker** trying to slow him down.

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Charlie Carroll maintaining the high quality of his nickel shoe shines but for 15 cents these days.

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Real steaks for dinner last Sunday! 'Struth!!

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Maytime ahead.

School Days

First Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, Jr., Chief, Convalescent Services, left last week for a ten weeks course in the Military Personnel School at Camp Lee, Virginia. First Lieutenant Lloyd W. Dezarn, MSC., has taken over the Convalescent Services supervision.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 1, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Elizabeth Pennell

Word from Seaside, Oregon, brings us the news of the death there on Tuesday of the former First Lieutenant Reese Pennell.

Mrs. Pennell was the first WAC officer to be assigned to this command when she reported here in February 1944 for duty with the Public Relations office, and additional duty as the assistant to the editor of the FOGHORN. Mrs. Pennell created the original series of "Polly Cadet" which appeared in the hospital paper during her tour of duty here.

In April 1945 she was transferred to Baxter General Hospital as the Public Relations Officer for that command and remained there until her separation from the service following her marriage to Lieut. Joseph Stanley Pennell, a one time Letterman patient, in June 1945.

Special Concert

Chief Warrant Officer Oliver Margolin ,band leader for the 358th Band, promises an unusual concert on Tuesday afternoon next in the Letterman patio.

The program will consist of authentic Chinese music and the feature will be an original band march "Fu Hsing Kuan" written by Mr. Edward E. Colby, Music Librarian of the Oakland Public Library. Mr. Colby plans to be present to hear the performance of his march.

Be studious in your profession, and you will be learned. Be industrious and frugal, and you will be rich. Be sober and temperate, and you will be healthy. Be in general virtuous, and you will be happy. At least, you will, by such conduct, stand the best chance for such consequences. — **Benjamin Franklin.**

WAC OF THE WEEK



MILDRED ULISSE
Sergeant

Perhaps wearing the uniform of a Nurse's Aide inspired her to enlist in the Army. At any rate, Sergeant Mildred Ulisse, appropriately nicknamed "Millie" is a true Yankee from Connecticut with a trim appearance and sparkling brown eyes.

Millie enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in June 1945 and took her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

After her basic training, Millie was sent to Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, where she was assigned from September 1945 until March 1948. Clerical duties were her first assignments in the Army, but since she had done some work as a Nurse's Aide in her home town of New Britain, Connecticut, she was interested in getting into the medical field.

Without benefit of Army schooling, she acquired the skill of an X-ray technician "the hard way," by on-the-job training in the Station Hospital at Fort George Wright. This was her favorite station in Army, and she enjoyed many off-duty hours swimming, skiing and participating in other recreational activities offered there.

Sergeant Ulisse's next station was the Spokane Air Force Base Station Hospital, where she continued in her work as an X-ray technician.

Millie was transferred to Letterman General Hospital in October 1948 where, again, her duties were performed in the X-ray Clinic.

Millie will be discharged from the Army sometime prior to 12 June of this year since she is in the AUS status, rather than Regular Army. Her plans for civilian life include further study in the field of her choice, X-ray. An ambitious girl with a definite goal, Millie will, in all probability, accomplish her aims.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Another hillbilly band of Letterman patients, organized by Sergeant First Class **Guy Shortz, Sr.,** Troop I. & E. music staffer, has taken to the airwaves daily over KLGH. Its members include Private **Gene Tipton,** ward 30, a Tennesseean; Private **Jack Sargent,** ward K-3, from North Carolina; Private **Edward Law,** Ward K-3, a Texan, and Private **Rex Tinsley,** ward 41, a Florida boy who sings, plays the guitar and MC's the show. The band, called "The Red Wagon Boys," practices four hours daily for its stint on channel one at 1445. The band is the latest of several organized by Sergeant Shortz.

Private **Leonard Arsenault,** ward 41, keeps Mrs. **J. M. "Mom" Huber,** presiding lady at the Army YMCA, happy by buying her ice cream cones almost nightly.

A squad of patients worked enthusiastically the other night over a series of handicraft projects at the "Y," and many left proud of their "first time" efforts at making bracelets and trinkets.

Around a handicraft table were Private First Class **Wade Rice,** ward K-3; Private **Virgil Powell** and Recruit **Robert Hulbert,** both of ward 43, and Private **Cliff Ferguson,** ward 40.

Sergeant **H. M. (Ted) Gilliland,** ward M-2, finished his project and moved to a corner to exercise his tonsils in a community sing.

Now a patient on ward C-1 is Corporal **Walter Carry,** Troop I. & E. office staffer and one of the conductors of weekly orientation. Cpl. Carry was admitted for surgery.

Seen discussing this-and-that occasionally along the ramps are two buddies, Recruits **Harry T. Martin,** ward C-1, and **Terrell B. Mullican,** ward 41, who trained together with the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. Both became patients after being transferred to 9956 TSU.

Lieutenant Colonel **John Henninger,** ward D-2, is sporting a new cane, with an unusual carving, sent to him by a friend.

Making double time with his studies of Spanish is First Lieutenant **Joseph Cassidy,** ward D-2, since his teacher, Miss **Jean McKew,** is being transferred to the Veterans Administration downtown. Teacher says Lieut. Cassidy as in "A" student.

Morris Laughlin, a veteran of ward D-2, finally made the Main Stem, with his wife acting as the guiding genius for the flight of his chariot.

A renewal of interest in his studies has been shown by Private **John M. Kislo,** ward O-2, under the change of environment effected since his transfer from ward 43.

George Valencia, ward 42, veteran, has launched a campaign of mathematics study to improve his pinochle game and scorekeeping.

Chess club members and patients and personnel interested in chess have been invited to witness a demonstration and competition by George Koltanowski, world's champion blindfold chess player, May 5 at the recreation hall.

ASTP Officers

An official announcement from the office of the Surgeon General advises that all ASTP officers in the Medical Department will be released from military service on normal date of separation despite shortage likely to continue. Date of separation is construed to mean upon completion of category commitments less accrued leave, unless such officers volunteer to remain on active duty longer.

Where medical officers have contracted for residencies by 1 July but will not be eligible for release by that date the office of the Surgeon General will on request write to hospital concerned asking that residency be held.

Over 200 such requests have been made and all have been granted.

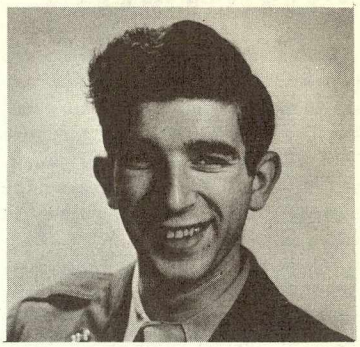
Daylight Time

The Department of Army agencies in Washington, D. C. adopted Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Sunday morning last. There are now four hours difference in time between San Francisco and Washington.

NEW TEAM

Ray Milland and Hedy Lamarr are teamed for the first time on the screen in Paramount's "Copper Canyon," Technicolor Western. Macdonald Carey, Mona Freeman and Harry Carey, Jr., are also co-starred in the film.

ON THE SPOT



CARMEN MOTTOLA
Corporal

Departures from Letterman this week end will include youthful Corporal Carmen Mottola, who says he'll hurry back to New Britain, Connecticut, to marry "shortly" an attractive Swiss miss named Vera.

Corporal Mottola, 20, will leave the Sergeant Major's office via the discharge route after a three-year term of enlistment.

During his Army career, Mottola went overseas, saw his relatives in Italy and won for himself—Vera, a honey-haired secretary in Zurish-Switzerland.

He was stationed in Italy for about a year and came to Letterman as a patient. In June 1948, he was assigned to the Information office here, where he remained until October, 1948 when he was shifted to the Sergeant Major's office.

Matrimony and education both figure in Mottola's plans for the future.

Next fall, he will enter a teachers college to prepare for a teaching career.

Mottola's hobby is collecting foreign stamps, an effort he has pursued for six years. He says he doesn't know how many stamps his collection includes. "I just collect them and put them in a book."

He joined the Army shortly after his graduation from high school. During a brief interim, he worked as a tool and die maker.

The corporal enlisted with the expressed hope of going to Italy to see his relatives. "I saw them all," he says, "and they went out of their way to treat me royally."

HANDY WITH GLOVES

William Demarest, who has a top role in Paramount's "Sorrowful Jones," turned carnival boxer for a brief period when stranded in California during a vaudeville tour.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Della Kuehn, Ward G-2, spends two and one-half hours each day traveling to and from Letterman but she puts her time to good use by knitting sweaters for her daughrer, Elizabeth, age three years. The number of sweaters knitted en route now total ten.

Margaret Finnigan's latest idea of a dream is her brother's new Studebaker convertible. She spent a recent Sunday admiring its beauty and enjoying the smooth riding.

We are sorry to hear of **Jeanette Power's** illness which will keep her home for several months. We hope to see her back at Letterman and in the Finance office soon.

Stella Zumwaldt of the Adjutant's office enjoyed a week's leave recently which she spent in San Francisco "staying around home."

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room is dreaming of a vacation in the not too distant future which will take her to Lake Louise.

Ernie Hecht of the Letterman cleaning plant celebrated his 18th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of April.

Zona Carter will give up her duties with the Letterman Post Office to take up the duties of a homemaker.

Among the civilian nurses who recently left Letterman are **Idamae Altfather, Mary Haynes, Elvera Lindholm, Marie Meinhardt** and **Florence Montz.**

We extend a hearty welcome to **Margaret Moorhead,** who is the latest addition to the Radiological Service.

FORTUNE TELLER

Virginia Field, who plays Morgan le Fay, the legendary beautiful sorceress, in Paramount's Techni color production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," likes to tell her friends' fortunes with cards.

PRETTY MERMAID

Phyllis Calvert, the red-haired British beauty who co-stars with Melvyn Douglas in Paramount's "My Own True Love," is an expert swimmer and diver and has taught her small daughter, Auriel, how to swim.

Lady: "Could I see the captain?"

First Mate: "He's forward, miss."

Lady Passenger: "I'm not afraid. I've been out with college boys."

MRS. GUTH WILL JOIN THE TEN YEAR CLUB WHEN SEPTEMBER ROLLS AROUND



Mrs. EVE C. GUTH
Medical Secretary, Ward B-1

The spirited lady doesn't look like a grandmother is supposed to look pictorially. But Mrs. Eve C. Guth says she is a grandmother, and enthusiastic about it, too.

The role, she says, takes most of her spare time now and tops her interests. With little or no urging, she will recount readily episodes from the children's lives.

She'd rather talk about the children, she says, than about why she carries the nickname, "Ace;" about Kalucci, or about her career as a night club signer.

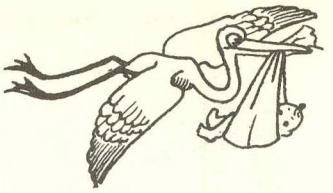
Mrs. Guth, medical secretary on ward B-1 for the last two years, soon will complete ten years as a civilian employee at Letterman. She came here in September, 1939, and worked in the EENT clinic for eight years.

Mrs. Guth was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but she says she feels like a native Californian since her parents moved to San Francisco when she was two years old.

Before coming to Letterman, the sharp - witted, humor - loving Mrs. Guth worked as a singer in most of San Francisco's leading night clubs and also had done theatre and radio work. She decided to foresake show business for office work, which she likes well.

The nickname "Ace" was inspired by the fact that she has held 1000 aces on "quite a few occasions" while playing pinochle. Mrs. Guth's interest in cards has shifted, however, to a game called "Kalucci," a combination of gin rummy and pagini. The game, she counsels, is played with two decks and four jokers and is designed along the lines of gin rummy. It can be, she warns, "a most aggravating game."

Mrs. Guth has two daughters. Her husband is retired Master Sergeant Fred Guth who was stationed at Letterman for 15 years or more before volunteering for overseas duty in 1939. He was on Corregidor when the fortress fell to the Japanese in 1942 and was held prisoner until freed by Rangers when American forces returned.



14 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas M. Louton, a boy, **William Brian.**

To Major and Mrs. Theodore H. Runyon, a boy, **Theodore Henry, II.**

15 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Staymate, a boy, **Kenneth William.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. George B. Chisman, a girl, **Leilani Lila.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Lee Roy J. Hill, a boy, **Daniel Arthur.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Ross, a boy, **Michael Anthony.**

16 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Bullock, a girl, **Mary Lou.**

17 April

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Mac Purcell Kesler, a boy, **James William.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Herschel L. Daniels, a girl, **Christine.**

18 April

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Cannon, a boy, **Robert LaRue.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. David Lee Easley, a boy, **Donald Lee.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd Erling Strom, a boy, **Lloyd Randall.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Fred F. Zajac, a girl, **Maria Elena.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley G. Berger, a boy, **Steven Michael.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Byrd E. Curtis, a boy, **Sidney Byrd.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Fred L. Butler, a girl, **Judy Marie.**

19 April

To Pvt. and Mrs. Arno Freimund, Jr., a girl, **Karen Jean.**

20 April

To Pfc. and Mrs. Emanuel Jefferson, a girl, **Mary Ann.**

To M/Sgt .and Mrs. John I. Stoner, a girl, **Diana Patricia.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Hubert L. Davis, a girl, **Sharon Ann.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Walter C. McGuirk, a boy, **Charles Louis.**

20 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Jim C. Dumas, Jr., a girl, **Sherley.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Raimon W. Lehman, a girl, **Rae Jean.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Bishop O. Foster, a girl, **Belinda.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Roscoe Holloway, a boy, **Douglas Dwight.**

WAC

The WACs billeted in upstairs 212 and upstairs 214X were the constituents of a bang-up GI party Thursday night. It seems the event was dubbed "Operations Cobwebs," and the brooms were flying high!

Private **Pat Leedham** and Private **Mary Morris** can be seen almost any evening in the dayroom practising the fine art of playing pool. Rumor has it that these two have eliminated the "8" ball from the game.

Sergeant First Class **Lestie Roach** is leaving on her re-enlistment furlough Sunday. Her plans include going to her home in Sarasota, Florida, plus a sojourn in Los Angeles.

Eleven members of the WAC Detachment could be seen this week emerging from Building T-3 blearyeyed and heads spinning after undergoing the series of new aptitude tests now being administered.

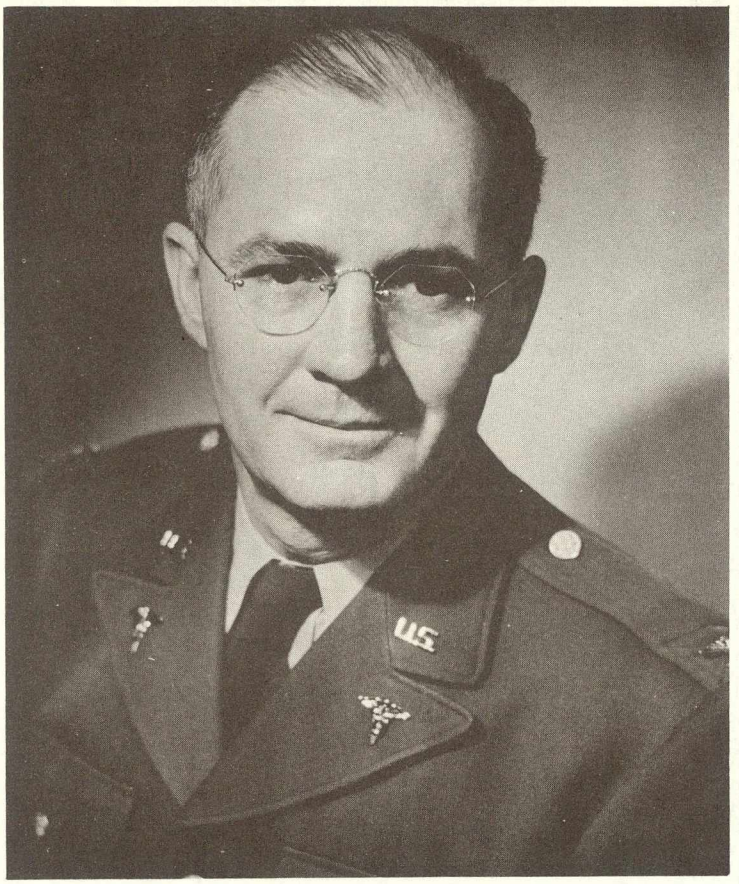
Word has been heard from several Ex-Letterman WACs who have reached their overseas destination. Sergeant First Class **Marjarie Burns** is in Tokyo enjoying the privilege of living in a hotel room with maid service at her disposal. Corporal **Lorraine Fincher** is in Bremerhaven, Germany assigned to the Morning Report Section of the Station Hospital. Corporals **Ethel Stepp, Sally Craig, Stella Goodman** and Sergeant **Evelyn Leonard** are in Munich, Germany assigned to the 98th General Hospital. Once a Medic, always a Medic.

Two WACs from Walter Reed General Hospital were here as guests in an official capacity this week. Sergeant First Class **Kitty Fukua** and Sergeant **Flo Mosher** brought a patient from their home station to San Francisco, and while here, visited Sergeants **Evelyn Meadows** and **Ann Benich** who were formerly stationed at Walter Reed.

Congratulations to Sergeant **Lea Lamascus** who has recently been promoted to that grade. Lea is on furlough at the present, and she will be leaving shortly for Camp Kilmer, prior to going overseas.

Plans are under way for the WAC picnic to be held 14 May, celebrating the seventh anniversary of the Women's Army Corps. In keeping with the "good neighbor policy" and "esprit de corps," the Letterman Presidio WACs are observing the anniversary jointly.

COLONEL WILLIAMS NOW WEARING "EAGLES" AND EVERYONE HAPPY TOO



Colonel WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS, DC
Chief, Prosthetic Section

In the early days of the war, according to a Washington story, a messenger boy went into the Pentagon on a Friday afternoon to deliver a telegram and emerged the following Monday morning a lieutenant colonel. That definitely made it possible for everyone to attain that rank and no special significance has been attached to it since.

However, when one becomes a full "eagle" colonel that is something else again and calls for a celebration.

Recently our own William T. Williams reached his present grade of Colonel, D. C., after 19 years of Regular Army service and congratulations are in order.

Colonel Williams was born in Herrin, Illinois, and graduated from the St. Louis University School of Dentistry, then settled down to practice in his home town, but not for long. The army called and the colonel responded to accept a commission in the Dental Reserve Corps and came to Letterman for his first station in December 1930. He stayed here for three years and then came into the Regular Army in December 1933.

A course at Carlisle took him off for a year and then he was sent to Fort Bragg for the next three years. His first tour of foreign service began at Schofield Barracks from which he returned in May 1940 to go to Fort Sam Houston for the next two years. This was followed by a two year tour at Camp Wallace and one at like length at Camp Gruber. In March of 1944 he went to the Panama Canal Department as dental surgeon until August 1945 when he returned to Walter Reed as the chief clinician at the dental clinic there. He came back to Letterman in 1946 and has been with us ever since.

Colonel Williams was married in June 1930 to Miss La Donne Gillham at Nashville, Ill. They have one son, Ronald, now 15 years old, who was born at Letterman General Hospital.

The Williams are another family group who like to come back to Letterman.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Activity picked up a bit at HTU this week. Two hospital cars from Fitzsimons General Hospital and one from Camp Kilmer arrived Wednesday. A car from Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, was scheduled to arrive later.

Scheduled to leave the unit via discharge this week was Private First Class **Charles Lee.**

Congratulations went to Sergeant **Donald Chah** who was promoted from corporal last week. The HTU was treated to a round of cigars that day.

Private **Raymond Guajardo, Jr.** suffered a broken ankle while playing volleyball last week. It seems he fell the wrong way in attempting to pound the ball over the net.

First Sergeant **John Cook, Jr.,** must have quite a bad cold. He was seen carrying a box of Kleenex with him Tuesday.

LITES & MIKES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Wallace Beery fans eagerly await *Big Jack*, flicker completed just before the star's untimely death. **Marjorie Main,** his best partner in robust comedy, is co-starred.

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Hooperatings for '49 give NBC 10 of the top 20 air shows. ABC strikes through with two, and CBS, after stealing a score of former NBC stars, boasts eight.

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Sam Goldwyn's latest publicity stunt offers a wedding trip to Flickerville, plus a honeymoon anywhere in the world, to some lucky lovebird duo. But they must be directly descended from the Hatfields and McCoys—most renowned families in feuding history. Incentive for the movie mogul's bonanza is *Roseanna McCoy*, new pic about the famous fighting clans.

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Actors who portray soldiers in B'way's hit comedy *At War With The Army* have been sworn in the ERC! During Army Week the khaki-clad thespian-vets were presented medals and ribbons earned in World War II, and were massed to march in New York City's massive Army Day parade.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration advised veterans to give their National Life Insurance policies periodic "three-way checks" to make certain that their NSLI programs are consistent with their plans, obligations and incomes.

The "three-way check" should cover (1) beneficiaries, both principal and contingent; (2) manner in which proceeds are to be paid to beneficiaries; and (3) amount and type of NSLI in force.

Many veterans fail to name new beneficiaries when they marry or when a designated beneficiary dies, VA said.

If a veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary is alive at the time of his death, proceeds of the insurance go into his estate and are subject to inheritance taxes. Final distribution of the proceeds may not be that which the veteran would have desired.

Changes in family status or family income often require a veteran to change the method of NSLI settlement. He may elect to have his NSLI proceeds paid to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in equal monthly installaments ranging from 36 to lifetime income.

The type and amount of NSLI owned by a veteran should be that which best fits his pocketbook and gives him the most coverage VA said. NSLI policies include term, ordinary life, 30-payment life, 20-payment life, endowment at age 60, endowment at age 65, and 20-year endowment.

Question: I have already used about 25 days of my leave under the GI Bill. Will VA allow me additional leave at the end of my training period?

Answer: Under a recent change made by VA, you may apply for 15 days leave at the end of your enrollment, provided you have enough remaining entitlement for education or training to cover it.

Question: I am a World War I veteran and have a non-service connected disability. Am I entitled to a pension?

Answer: If you are permanently and totally disabled for reasons not traceable to your service in the armed forces you may be entitled to a pension. You must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after a minimum of 90 days service, or if you served less than 90 days, you must have been discharged for disability incurred in line of duty. In either case, you are disqualified if your income exceeds $1000 per year if single, or $2500 if you are married or have a minor child.

Question: I am an honorably discharged World War II veteran. Can I get glasses through VA?

Answer: Yes, if they are determined necessary for a service-connected disability; or a necessary part of hospital treatment or domiciliary care, or to prevent interruption of training under Public Law 16, 78th Congress, as amended.



VOGUE HITS FILM

The square dance vogue now sweeping the counrty will be given added impetus in Paramount's Technicolor western, "Copper Canyon," which co-stars Ray Milland, Hedy Lamarr, Macdonald Carey, Mona Freeman and Harry Carey, Jr., "swinging their partners" in a lively old-time dance session.

CHUCKLES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Sleek-domed 1st Sgt.: "Is that hair grower any good?"

PX Clerk: "Well, I can tell you that we're selling it at cost because of the comb and brush business it brings us."

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There was a young sailor named Syd,
Who kissed her on the eyelid;
She said to the lad,
"Your aim is so bad
You should practice awhile." So he did!

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Pfc.: (visiting new home). "Why do you have such a high crib for the baby?"

M/Sgt.: "So we can hear him when he falls out."

Navy Scares Shark

Tampico, Mexico (AFPS)—Scared by naval gunfire, a shark came ashore and mingled with Miramar Beach sun worshippers, nipping a bather. Before the shark could slide back to the water, he was beaten to death by other bathers.

Arctic to Hawaii War Maneuvers To Last a Year

Washington (AFPS)—Maneuvers involving virtually all Army personnel as well as large contingents from the other services have been planned for the 12 months beginning July 1. Twelve exercises including local and overseas war games are in the large-scale training plans outlined during recent hearings before the House Appropriations Committee.

The schedules have been planned in an effort to catch up on training which had to be curtailed this year because of the large number of units which were reorganized in the expansion program and others which were used extensively in the Berlin airlift.

One of the biggest exercises probably will be held near Ft. Bragg, N.C., in the Spring of 1950. More than 25,000 troops may participate, according to present schedules.

One of the war games to be held early in next year's program will be staged in Canada and Alaska with Canadian troops participating.

In the meantime, 70,000 troops, virtually all the United States has stationed in Germany at the present time, recently moved into position in what observers described as the largest maneuvers ever held by the Army in peace-time Europe.

The German exercises saw the 70,000 troops, supported by tanks and planes, successfully repulse a mythical attack along a 90-mile front roughly approximating the Czechoslovak border of the American zone. Naval Air and Air Force units joined in the counter thrust.

Cooperation of the Services in all phases of the war games was an outstanding factor of the program. The year's work will embrace virtually all types of training and will be conducted in virtually every zone of climate from the Arctic to Hawaii.

After reviewing the training outline, the Appropriations Committee added $3½ million to the $2½ million budget request for expenses of the war games.

TELEVISION FAN

Charles Bickford, co-starring with Bing Crosby in Frank Capra's "Riding High" production at Paramount, owns a television service shop in Hollywood and spends his spare time learning the secrets of video.

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Secretary Johnson Asks Services to Insure Equality

(AFPS) — Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson has directed the Armed Forces to examine present personnel practices on equality of treatment and opporunity to "determine what forward steps can and should be made."

Each department of the National Defense Establishment has been directed to submit detailed reports on how it will carry out the Establishment's initial general policy on equality of treatment and opportunity within each branch of service. These reports are to be submitted to the chairman of the NME Personnel Policy Board.

Mr. Johnson intends to have the Personnel Policy Board pass upon the adequacy of the reports, as well as restudy the NME's initial statement of policy "to determine whether it can be straightened out or otherwise improved."

The Board is an advisory group which discusses all policies for military and civilian personnel throughout the NME.

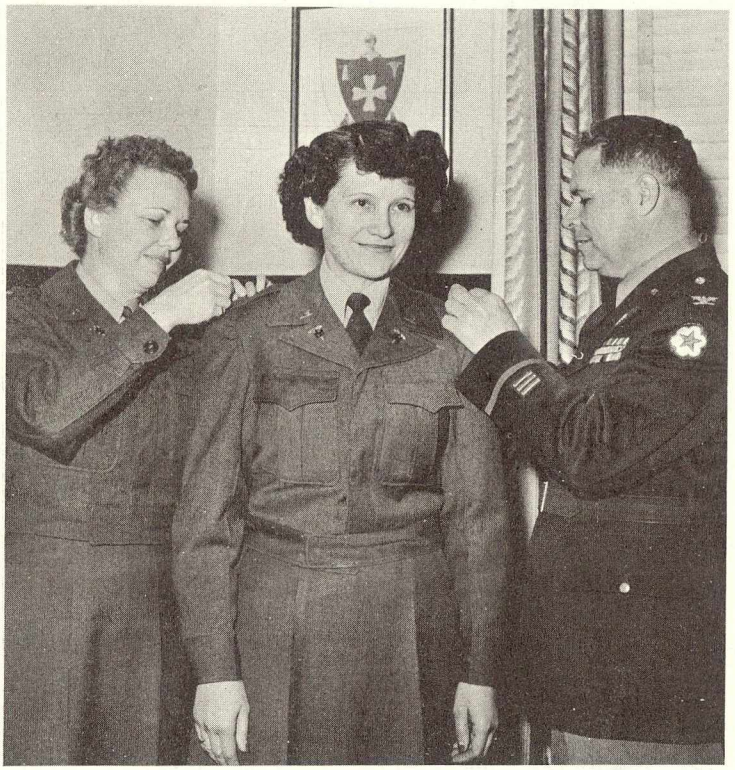
Thomas R. Reid, chairman, exercises full executive authority and decision.

It is the policy of the National Military Establishment, said Secretary Johnson, to practice equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the Armed Services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.

To assist in achieving uniform application in this policy, the NME has adopted supplemental policies after consultations with the three Departments.

These additional points are: (1) To meet the requirements of the services for qualified individuals, all personnel will be considered on the basis of individual merit and ability and must qualify according to enlistment standards, attendance at

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Major MARGARET A. KIMPTON, WAC Receiving the insignia of her new grade from the hands of Colonel James B. Stapleton, pro tempore Commanding Officer, (right) and Captain Minnie L. Young.

Major Kimpton Commissioned in RA

The lieutenant who walked into the office of the Commanding Officer on Tuesday emerged as Major Margaret A. Kimpton, WAC, at the conclusion of the informal ceremony confirming her in that grade.

Major Wendell B. Patton, Adjutant, read the order announcing the appointment of Major Kimpton in the Regular Army and then administered the Oath of Office. Colonel James B. Stapleton, Commanding Officer, was assisted by Captain Minnie L. Young in pinning the golden leaves in place on the shoulder loop of the new major. Colonel Stapleton introduced an innovation into the ceremonies which met with the approval of all present.

Major Kimpton is a native of Mountain Grove, Missouri and a graduate of the University of Southern California where she majored in English and Psychology. Prior to joining the WAAC she was a social service worker in Fresno, Calif.

Her army career began on 7 May 1943 at Monticello, Ark., with the basic course and she was next assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground in the Ballistic Research laboratory. Major Kimpton was commissioned following OCS in October 1943 and assigned to Signal Intelligence in the Pentagon.

In November 1945 the major was sent out to Camp Beale, California, and assigned to the counselling section of the separation center then in operation at that post. In May 1947 she came to Letterman and has been with the Personnel section since her arrival. During the screening process for appointments in the Regular Army Nurse Corps Major Kimpton was assigned to the board conducting the examinations.

The congratulations of the command are extended to the new Regular Army Major.

President Urges Sales of Bonds for Secure Nation

(AFPS) — President Truman has urged all Americans to invest in Government Savings Bonds to help maintain "a sound and secure nation."

The President, speaking recently at a rally announcing the Opportunity Bond Drive, May 16 to June 30, said: "We know that we cannot have a sound and secure nation unless security is the common possession of our people."

The Chief Executive continued: "Savings bonds mean more than freedom from worries. They signify that the owner is an active participant in the affairs of Government, as every citizen should be.

"A saving bond is your certificate that you have a share in your country."

The President said there are $48 billion worth of savings bonds outstanding. "These billions of dollars in bonds," he said, "are an assurance of the well being of the nation and of the happiness of our people. That assurance will be increased by the success of the Opportunity Bond Drive."

The national goal for the bond drive is set at $1,040,000,000 in series E bonds.

Our Library a Credit to U. S. Army Library Service

Because the American soldier is an "avid reader"—a "thinking soldier"—Army Special Services has established 1,140 libraries in the United States and overseas to satisfy a constant demand for recreational reading and reference books.

The vast chain of libraries includes 296 in the continental United States and 844 overseas—in Europe, Trieste, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and islands of the Pacific, Hawaii, the Caribbean and Alaska. Wherever an American soldier is stationed, a well-equipped library is available to him, and Letterman is no exception. Operating here is a library most complete in its offerings of contemporary and classic literature and technical and research material for the use of pateints and duty personnel.

The collective shelves of the Army's far-flung libraries are stocked with a total of 2,871,000 books—871,000 in the United States and 2,000,000 overseas—with an annual circulation of 6,500,000. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, a total of 1,800,000 books were drawn by soldiers at Army installations in this country and more than 4,600,000 overseas.

Readily available through permanent libraries and bookmobiles are books to satisfy the literary tastes of all soldiers. The libraries contain not only popular best sellers, westerns and mystery stories but special collections on national and international affairs, military science, music, photography, dramatics and various other subjects. Popular magazines and newspapers also may be furnished.

The Army Library Service was established in 1921, following the World War I period when Army libraries were sponsored by the War Service Committee of the American Library Association.

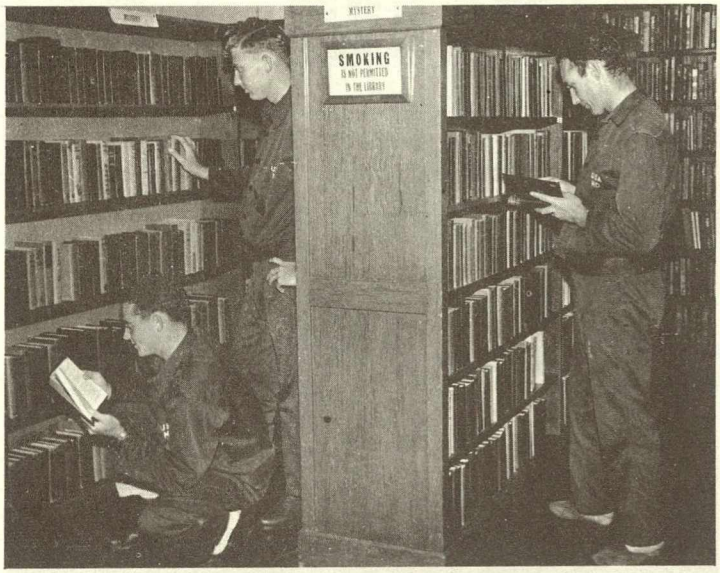
Ten years ago, there were 147 permanent Army libraries in United States camps with a total of 569,648 books in camp libraries and 8,046 in traveling libraries. During World War II, the program developed into the most extensive library service in the world.

No matter how remote and isolated the troops were, good books were dispatched to them. By 1944, there were 8,000,000 clothbound books in U. S. camps and services were extended to maneuver areas, troop trains and troop transports. Armed Forces Editions — pocket-sized, paper-bound expendable books —were produced for overseas troops and flown by the millions to men in combat.

By September, 1947, when the special editions program was discontinued, 122,000,000 of these free books had been distributed overseas and to Army hospitals. Similarly, a total of 300,000 lightweight editions of popular magazines were distributed free overseas.

When the war ended, trained librarians who had moved up with the troops had the gigantic task of gathering the thousands of books in their areas and establishing library service on a more permanent basis.

The peak of 2,000 libraries and 600 professional Army librarians was reached during the redeployment program after the cessation of hostilities. At Army hospitals, in addition to the mobile book service, the program of filmed books and the Project Books Machine was started. The program enabled patients flat in bed to read the printed page of a book projected on the ceiling. Pages were "turned by a mere touch of the finger.



WELL STOCKED SHELVES
For the patients able to be up and about.



THE BOOK CART
Supplies the need of those who are bedfast.

With decreases in funds and personnel, library operations in the last few years have been centralized. Under the general supervision of the chief librarian, book selection, ordering, classification, cataloguing and accountability records are centralized in the main library on a post with other libraries functioning as branches.

A new Book Kit program was developed by the Library Branch of Special Services in July, 1947, and it is still operating. Monthly, separate kits of 25 cloth-bound new books, selected prior to publication, and other kits of books and magazines are distributed to overseas libraries. These kits are available also to Army libraries in United States camps for purchase from local funds.

Books for the kits are selected with a view to soldier-reader tastes. For example, kit selections for April and May, 1949, include a varied assortment of titles for a wide variety of tastes. Included among them are "The Greatest Story Ever Told," Fulton Oursler's Life of Christ; "Their Finest Hour," a continuation of Winston Churchill's memoirs; "Beau James," Gene Fowler's biography of Jimmy Walker; "Baseball's Greatest Teams," by Tom Meany, a history of several outstanding baseball teams.

Letterman's library, in building 1045, is located on corridor two in the main hospital, approachable from either corridor A or corridor B.

The library's staff of four is headed by Mrs. Leah R. Frisby, chief librarian for both the recreational library and the medical library across the hall.

Assisting Mrs. Frisby in the recreational library are Miss Helen Jones, ward service librarian; Mrs. Winifred Morris, and Miss Helen Jacovleff (cq). Her assistant in the medical library is Mrs. Hilda Allen.

Available to Letterman patients and duty personnel are 12,158 volumes of literature, fiction and nonfiction, including the latest works from the pens of the world's authors. Books are distributed both in the library and from book carts taken to the various wards.

Besides the books, 41 different magazines and 19 newspapers are available weekly or daily.

The library operates from 0900 to 1730 Monday through Friday and from 0900 to 1630 on Saturdays.

Medical and Dental Internes - - Class of 1949



First row—(left to right) 1st Lieuts. James W. Haynes, MC, Richard T. Street, DC, Richard L. Sedlacek, MC, Leland M. Bitner, MC. Second row—left to right) 1st Lieuts. Charles B. Bingham, DC, Robert J. Krenz, DC, Brian P. Flanagan, MC, James H. Sisson, MC. Third row —(left to right 1st Lieuts. Allan Green, MC, Robert K. Rawers, MC, Orin B. Elliott, MC, Charles L. Hedberg, MC, Grant E. Bare, MC. Fourth row—(left to right) 1st Lieuts. Robert F. Conway, MC, Floyd M. Estess, MC, Harry G. Hightower, MC, John H. Painter, MC. Fifth row (left to right) 1st Lieuts. Ervin A. Kjenaas, MC, Alvin H. Goff, MC, Simon R. Nord, DC, Charles R. Montz, MC, James R. Prest, MC.

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EDITORIAL

HER DAY

Mother's Day is the Sunday set aside annually for a special tribute to motherhood for all its trials and tribulations, laughs and tears, and very definite fineness.

It is a day on which we re-emphasize our sincere appreciation to mother, whose counsel and guidance carried us through the burdens of growing up. We owe her a debt of gratitude we can never pay fully.

Millions of words of flowery prose have been—and will be—dedicated to her to reflect our appreciation of her. Yet, being mother, she asks nothing in the way of tribute or honor, and her glory seems to be in our happiness.

She seldom considers us a burden, and she listens attentively to our tales of woe. She cries with us, laughs with us and believes in us. And every Mother's Day, it is with admirable modesty that she accepts the special honor which is bestowed.

Indeed, she deserves the thanks she gets—and it's a wise son or daughter who makes every day Mother's Day.



Six new nurses, members of the publicized "Kate Smith Class" at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, reported to duty at Letterman 1 May.

Included on the roster were First Lieutenant **Lyda M. McLean** and Second Lieutenants **Margaret M. Conroy, Margaret G. Gibson, Mary L. Pacific, Clara A. Peckens** and **Wanda M. King,** all ANC.

The class was named for the nationally known radio personality in recognition of her efforts in the procurement of nurses.

Captain **Alma E. Heintzelman,** ANC, in private life Mrs. Paul W. McCoy, resigned 29 April to devote her time to domestic duties. Capt. Heintzelman has been stationed at Letterman since 30 June 1946, when she assigned here from England General Hospital, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Actually en route now to Fort Shafter in Hawaii is Captain **Lily W. Neal,** ANC, who left Letterman last Tuesday for Camp Stoneman and shipment to her new station.

Two nurses, First Lieutenants **Lelia M. Vanderscoff** and **Mabel L. Jack,** ANC, from the station hospital at Fort Ord visited Letterman this week to appear before the integration board for Regular Army commissions.

First Lieutenant **Lucy Burt,** WMSC, has returned to the PT staff after a 30-day leave which she spent in Kansas City, Missouri, and Denver, Colorado.

Captain **Mildred Carter,** WMSC, has taken a 30-day leave from PT to drive across the country to her home in New York. Heading East also is First Lieutenant **Elizabeth Sargent,** who will spend a 15-day leave visiting in New York City. Lieut. Sargent left Wednesday.

From the ANC on a 30-day leave went Captain **Edith L. Shutt.** She left 29 April to visit Lockport, New York. During a 21-day leave, First Lieutenant **Maeceille B. Pless,** ANC, plans a trip to Trinity, Alabama, and First Lieutenant **Cecile E. Bair,** ANC, will spent seven days visiting at Yosemite National Park and Carmel. A week-ender at Carmel was Captain **Anne R. Foster,** ANC.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **William E. Shambora,** Chief Surgeon, USARPAC, dropping in for a chat en route back to his station following a trip to Washington.

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"Oh, dem golden slippers" on **Alice Torgerson.** Djer see them?

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Colonel **Joseph V. Thebaud,** retired, leaving at the end of the week after his third successful operation. Nothing like a satisfied customer.

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Lieut. **Harry Lawlor,** taking the touch system of typing to while the tedium of the long hours in bed on L-1.

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Sgt. **"Charlie" Wilcox** demonstrating his prize invention for holding nickels and learning someone had beaten him to it with a patent.

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"Algy" Gaffney, the lovely little lady from Lone Mountain, again walking as lively as ever.

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Colonel **Kermit H. Gates,** longtime Letterman Exec, putting the finishing touches to this thesis for the work over at Berkeley this past year.

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New copper gutters all over the front of the Administration Building. That should take care of the spouting for next winter.

Postal Receipts

Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa, reporting on the business of the San Francisco Post Office today revealed that local business is up 5.1 per cent.

The business for the month of April 1949 was as follows:

Stamp sales	$1,630,500.51
Letters processed	33,643,400
Pieces of parcel post dispatched	958,643
Pound of Air-Mail dispatched	717,558
Special Deliveries dispatched	157,085

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 8, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Gallops Back

First Lieutenant James C. Gallops, MSC., who was a very handy member of the Letterman staff until his departure for Alaska in January 1947, has come back for more of the same with us, and he is now Administrative Assistant on the Physical Medicine Service.

Bowling

The Officers Club started something new last week when the alleys were taken over on Thursday by the officers and ladies of the club.

Eight teams, each consisting of three men and two women, began rolling at six o'clock as a prelude to a delightful evening.

Final scores announced the winning team of Capt. Turner, Lieut. Woodman, Major Steed, Lieut. Hearne, and Lieut. Boudreau with a total of 2251 pins. High man was Lieut. Woodman with 521 for three games, and Capt. Burns led the ladies with 451.

More About SECRETARY JOHNSON

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schools, promotion ,assignment to duty, etc. (2) All individuals, regardless of race, will be accorded equal opportunity for appointment, advancement, professional improvement, promotion, and retention in their rsepective components of the NME. (3) Some units may continue to be manned with Negro personnel; however, all Negroes will not necessarily be assigned to Negro units.

Qualified Negro personnel will be assigned to fill any type of position vacancy in organizations or overhead installations without regard to race.

WAC OF THE WEEK



PATRICIA E. LEEDHAM
Private

To the WAC from Estacada, Oregon, via Washington, D.C., came pert Private Patricia E. Leedham, a young lady with a slight spirit of adventure, a yen for athletics and a mind for business.

The 21-year-old Private Leedham, obviously nicknamed "Pat," is a clerk-typist in the pre-natal clinic. She was assigned to the WAC detachment here after completing basic and clerk-typist school at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Pat, who plays second base for the WAC softball team, was an enthusiastic captain of several teams —softball, volleyball and basketball —at Estacada High School, where she was graduated.

She is interested in sports and physical education, and hopes to study physical ed. at Pacific Union College, Forest Grove, Oregon, after her term of enlistment expires.

Pat joined the WAC, she said, "just because I always wanted to."

Her experiences with younger brothers in a large family—11 children—have been handy for her as a baby-sitter, a practice she's found worthwhile financially.

With income from her baby-sitting pursuits and her savings, Pat hopes to buy an automobile soon —"any kind of a car."

Before enlisting, Pat was a telephone operator for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in the nation's capital.

She is a musician, too, and played the baritone horn with her high school band for four years and with the 392nd Army band at Camp Lee.

In basic, Pat was a member of the model training company—Company C—at Camp Lee.

None but the productive can be strong, and none but the strong can be free.—**Wendell Willkie.**

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Feeling lost since two of his buddies departed ward 31 this week is Private **Benedict St. Peter.** Sergeant **James Smith** has gone on leave, while Sergeant **Ronald Bosworth** has been discharged from the hosiptal. Sgt. Bosworth will return to duty with the Army in Oakland.

Among those interested in the tanning talents of Old Sol this week is retired Colonel **George Hollister,** ward D-2.

Sergeant **Gabriel Garvan,** ward D-1, has his arm in traction but he's using his time to study toward USAFI credit for a high school diploma.

Seen at a distance: A patient walking near General Cole's quarters, saw his dog, Jeep, on the front steps and walked over to pet it. He approached warily, petted the pup twice, admired it and walked on.

Mid-morning coffee time usualy takes Private **Henry Dearman,** ward 29, and **Frank H. Austin,** veteran of ward 31, to the East Hospital PX.

"It looks god if I don't freeze," said Private **James Eli,** ward 31, toting a strawberry ice cream cone and directing the remark to Private **Richard Stein,** also of ward 31.

Walking off with a big birthday cake from the "Y" last Wednesday was Private **Hector L. Saurez,** ward B-2, a native of Agua Caliente, Mexico. Hector's birthday anniversary came nearest, among competitors, to the date of an "Everybody's Birthday" dance.

Now a patient on ward K-2 is Private **David Moore,** assigned to 9956 TSU.

Among recent winners of lucky dollars on the USAFI quiz show at the recreation hall were Sergeant **Alvin Bargman,** ward 40, and Private **Roosevelt Gray,** ward 27. Show is now held each Thursday, piped over KLGH.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Drescher,** duty NCO for the WAC detachment here, is a patient on ward O-1.

The education bug, it seems, has bitten those spirited youngsters on ward D-1, **David** and **Jerry Edgmont.** USAFI scouts report that David, despite his love for comic books, has become interested in doing second grade arithmetic. He lacks a book, however. Jerry, one grade up on his brother, wants to delve in the third grade reader.

Sergeant **John Hubbard,** better known to fellow patients on ward C-1, as "Hubby," keeps wishing he could get back to Manila.

Nightly "bull" sessions on ward C-1 usually end with everyone listening to retired Sergeant **Chester A. Fisher** spin yarns about the "old" Army, way back in the 1920s.

Overheard almost daily on ward C-1 is Private First Class **Anthony Plezbert's** declaration that he wouldn't have to get up so early in the Air Force. The AF boy has been nicknamed "Jet Propelled" by his buddies in view of his expressed interest in jet propulsion.

Patients in many parts of the hospital received tiny "May Day" baskets, made and distributed by six-year-olds **Cathy Mulholland,** daughter of Major and Mrs. **Richard Mulholland,** and **Kitty Kielman,** daughter of Major and Mrs. **E. Kielman.** The youngsters, both pupils at Fort Winfield Scott grammar school, worked three and a half hours last Sunday to make about 40 of the baskets.

Sgt. **Guy Chelf,** ward 31, and Letterman's "Robin Hood," has a new angle on archery, a sport in which he's quite porficient. He shoots at set up paper plates, and seldom misses.

Private First Class **Dean Heckert,** ward C-2, is a lucky man. Not only did he win the chess trophy for April with the most points, 106, but he also won a chess problem board for turning in the greatest number of games in one month, 110. Pfc. Heckert also will receive a lapel pin depicting a miniature chess board. Runners-up for the number of points won in April were Master Sergeant **John Bays** of ward E-2, and Captain **George Bryan.**

Ten members of the Anglers Club went on a recent jaunt but the anticipated haul dwindled to about 15 flounders and a few small bass.

Riveting instructor to trainee: "I'm putting this rivet in the correct position; when I nod my head, hit it real hard with your hammer."

That's all he remembered until he woke up in the hospital.

IN THE NEWS



DANIEL P. SHEA
Chaplain

Peeking out from under the parka above is the smiling countenance of Father "Dan" Shea who left here in January of this year for his new station in Alaska.

Being a Native Son he naturally falls into the habit of praise of climate and being generous he is willing to include the land of the tundra in the list of places worth while.

In a letter received here this week he writes: "Life here is pleasant enough, even with the spring thaw on and mud all over the place. However, it will not be long before the ground dries and the streams clear up and the fishing season will be at hand. Some of the stories about trout fishing are almost unbelievable, though true. Everyone is a fisherman and most double in hunting for pastime."

Given two years of that and Father Dan will have enough stories to keep any session alive until the wee sma' hours of any morning. His closer friends admit he was pretty good at that even before the Alaska adventure began.

He maintains his pleasant demeanor despite the fact that he remains a First Lieutenant after more than four years of active service. The "Luck of the Irish" was never his portion, it appears, and every time he was ready to be promoted a change in policy took place—and there he stood with his single bar. Were he not a man of the cloth he might have sought his solace leaning against the bar.

He knows that we did our part while he was here to give him a boost in grade and he still thinks well enough of all of us to send his greetings.

It has been said that hiccoughs are messages from departed spirits.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Any civilians who live in or around Hunter's Point and are interested in obtaining free government transportation from Hunter's Point to Presidio and return, contact the Adjutant, LGH, as soon as possible.

A June wedding is in the offing for **Alice Deenan** of the Veterans Contact office, who recently announced her engagement to Lt. (j.g.) **Marvin Ziporin** of the Navy Medical Corps. The wedding will take place in San Francisco.

Loretta Stoltman of the Out Patient Service is currently enjoying a week's leave entertaining her mother who is visiting her from southern California.

Bea Cohn of the Dental Clinic feels that the enjoyment of playing tennis, even though rather strenuously, more than compensates for the aches and pains she acquires.

Lillian Taylor of Registrar's office and **Ruth Steed** of Detachment of Patients enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of Harry Owens' orchestra at the St. Francis Hotel last Saturday. Lillian also met **Helen Franklin** there. Helen, a former Lettermanite in the Tumor Board office, is now doing research work for the Bureau of Mines and likes her work very much.

Jerry Ivory of the Letterman Post Exchange left this week for Salt Lake City where she will spend two weeks with her family.

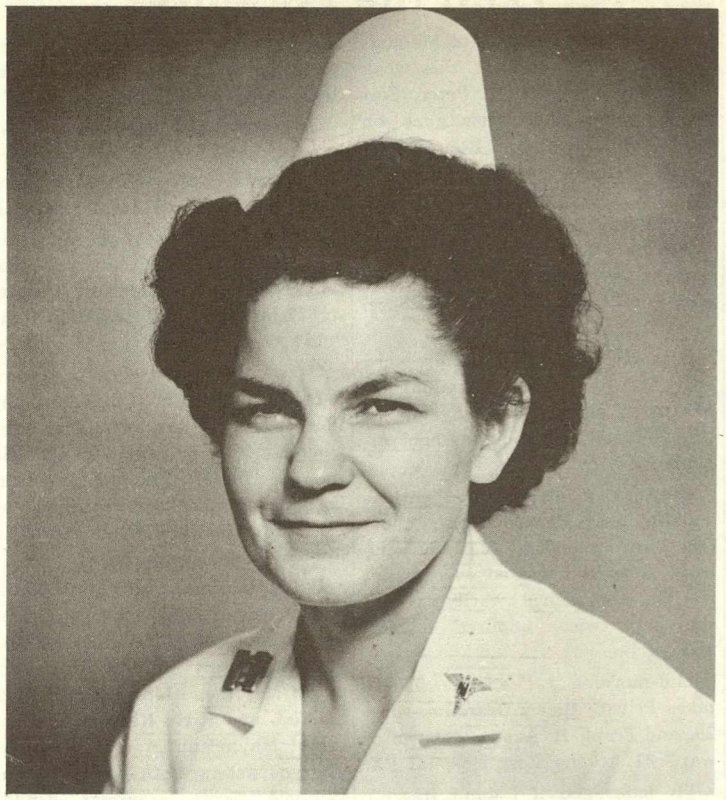
After **Leonne Brennan's** return from a successful fishing trip near Sacramento her friends debated whether to call her by her regular nickname "Ginger" or bestow a new one—"Pinky." Right now Leonne's face is a delicate pink shade but she hopes it is the beginning of a tan.

Frances Clarke of Payroll Section returned from leave in time to start school at the Presidio along with **Mary Stein,** also of Payroll Section, and **Sylvester Moore** of Military Personnel, to learn a new pay system that is to be put into effect in the near future.

Judy Bean of Military Personnel is receiving many questions but giving no answers about a recent traffic ticket.

Erma Schied of Finance recently paid a visit to Jeanette Powers who is currently on the sick list.

LONG TRAINING PREPARED CHARGE NURSE ON H-1 FOR PRESENT DUTY



Captain ELSIE R. McGINNIS, ANC
Charge Nurse—Pediatrics Ward

There are good people in life who derive a maximum of satisfaction from helping the helpless and our candidate for that category is Captain Elsie R. McGinnis, the charge nurse of the Pediatrics Ward of Letterman.

Observing the captain in this discharge of her daily duties is a source of inspiration to most of us, and no mother within our ken ever demonstrated the patient understanding with which Captain McGinnis is endowed. We have seen mothers handle up to six or even eight youngsters but double the latter figure is the usual brood to be found on H-1.

And we should keep in mind that the group receiving the captain's care are not the usual healthy youngsters, eager and alert, abounding in energy, but the sick with ailments of infancy and childhood. Too young to fathom the why of it but only feeling too miserable most of the time. Babies and children who need constant care and attention and who sense the affection affiliated with the nursing technique.

The captain is a native of Chestertown, Maryland, and took her professional training at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. Following graduation she had a brief period of psychiatric nursing and then shifted her affections to pediatrics. In succession she had two years and a half at the Neurological Institute in New York, during which time she took a year's work at Columbia, six months post graduate work at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, and one year as a teacher in pediatric nursing at the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston.

The Army wooed and won her in 1943 and she served successively at Florence AFB, and Fort Bragg before going to India in 1945 to serve with the 142 and 181st General Hospitals. Back to the mainland and Halloran General Hospital was the next step and when that hospital closed she was sent to Madigan.

In September 1948 Captain McGinnis came to Letterman and a perusal of her history sent her to Ward H-1.

That is where you will find her today contributing no small part to the high reputation Letterman enjoys for its help to the helpless.



21 April

To Corporal and Mrs. Bert E. Damsten, a boy, **Robert Michael.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gorgon A. Zimmer, a girl, **Kathleen Florence.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Christos H. Karaberis, a girl, **Christine Juanita.**

22 April

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert M. Spencer, a boy, **Richard Michael.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William J. Belliveau, a boy, **Robert Owen.**

To Corporal and Mrs. George J. Thanos, a girl, **April Maria.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Timothy Menard, a girl, **Linda Sue.**

23 April

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Wallace, Jr., a boy, **James Edward, III.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Fortunato Santos, a boy, **Douglas Duke.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Jewett L. Walker, a girl, **Casandra Lynius.**

24 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Henry L. Fry, a boy, **Craig Daniel.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Theodore E. Abuan, a girl, **Flor Christine.**

25 April

To Pvt. and Mrs. Robert J. Lazzerini, Sr., a boy, **Robert Joseph, Jr.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne L. Wylie, a girl, **Linda Jeanne.**

26 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Horn, a boy, **Glen Edwin.**

To Pvt. and Mrs. Floyd M. Flannigan, a boy, **Floyd Ray.**

27 April

To Corporal and Mrs. Ralph Crow, a boy, **Fred Ralph.**

28 April

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. William M. DuPuy, a girl, **Anna Pearl.**

28 April

To Corporal and Mrs. Gilbert Peterson, Jr., a boy, **Kenneth Gilbert.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gaylen Lee Spurgin, a girl, **Lynda Lee.**

29 April

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Paul T. O'Dowd, Jr., a boy, **Paul Thomas, III.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Walter E. Rafert, a girl, **Sue Ann.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Oldham, a boy, **Gary James.**

WAC

The Letterman Women's Softball team played its first game of the season last Friday night at Santa Clara. With a 7-5 lead going into the last inning, the Lettermanites went down in defeat to a rally by the Santa Clara team which brought the game to a close with an 8-7 score. A high point of the game was the fielding of right fielders, Corporal **"Hank" Zuzga** who had a total of seven put-outs to her credit.

Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg** is a faithful follower of the fights and baseball games. If Sergeant Gragg isn't present when the buses are leaving for these events, the inquiry "Where's Sergeant Gragg? Wait for the Sergeant!" can be heard.

Sergeant First Class **Margaret Dresher** became a patient last week, and she is now on Ward O-1.

Two ex-Letterman WACs returned to the detachment for a visit with friends, and a suspected ulterior motive of showing off their offspring. Ex-Sergeant **Millie (Stech) Horton** with her baby boy and ex-Sergeant **Virginia (Hill) Pennington** bringing her little girl were the center of attraction upon their visit.

Another ex-member of the detachment, ex-Sergeant **Anne (Chris) Drasher** made news when she became the proud mother of a baby girl last Friday.

Private **Marjorie Hurst** was confined to quarters after undergoing surgery which involved removing a bit of Camp Lee landscape from her knee.

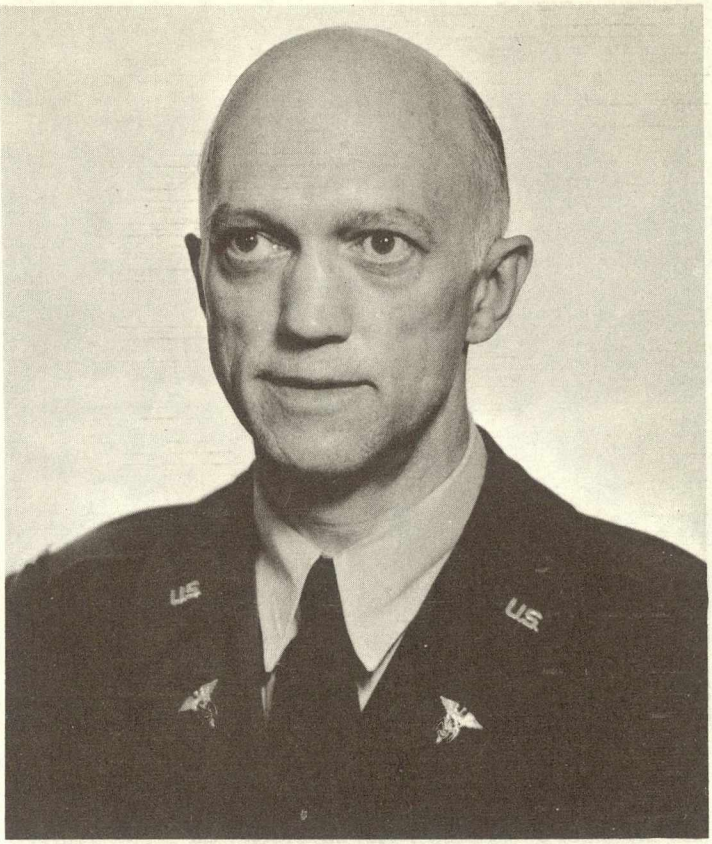
The detachment members were objects of a photographer's camera lens Friday afternoon when they had a company picture taken for the seventh anniversary of the Women's Army Corps. A large turn-out is anticipated for the picnic which is to be held on the anniversary date, 14 May.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** has that far-away look in her eyes since she received word that she has been alerted for overseas shipment sometime in June.

Son: "Say, Pop how soon will I be old enough to do just as I please?"

Pop: "I don't know, son; nobody has ever lived that long yet."

RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGIST IS A RARE MOS—BUT LETTERMAN HAS ONE



Colonel ANTHONY C. TUCKER, MCS
Research Psychologist

Among the officers elevated recently to the rarified atmosphere where "eagle" Colonels dwell is Colonel Anthony C. Tucker, who came to us last year for duty as Research Psychologist, and has very quietly carried on his research since that time.

Colonel Tucker is a native of Jackson, Michigan and started his professional career with an AB from the university of his home state. He spent a few years with the Graybar Electric Company and then went back to school at Columbia University, emerging with a Master's and a Ph.D. in Psychology.

The colonel began his military career away back in 1923 when he was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Reserve, but he really became a soldier when called to active duty in February 1942. He was assigned to the then Army Air Forces for duty with the Aviation Psychology program and he eventually became the head of that section.

In July 1945 Colonel Tucker was integrated in the Regular Army in the Medical Service Corps and given a very rare MOS—2231—Research Psychologist. He came to Letterman in October 1948 with the assigned task of developing ways and means for the guidance of medical officers in residency training. This is something very new in the approach to the problem and the colonel has given his full time to the job.

The colonel is an easy man to approach and creates none of the apprehension so many of us feel in the presence of psychologists. Even those whose behavior is not beyond reproach do not quail under the benevolent gaze of the man. He has the advantage of understanding why we behave like human beings and is ready to be tolerant.

His qualifications are indicated by his Fellowship in the American Psychological Association and he is a diplomate in industrial psychology of the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology.

Colonel Tucker was married to Miss Dorothy Holden, of Spokane, Washington in 1932. They have no children.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Seen polishing his fishing equpment in preparation for another season was Sergeant First Class **James L. Mitchell,** who plans his opening campaign soon.

Chief Warrant Officer **Edward L. Arlen** went fishing last week-end and found his venture profitable. He caught a 15-pound Striper.

Corporal **Bobby Sullivan** has reported back to duty after a three-day pass which he spent visiting friends in Concord.

That long-awaited trip is coming up soon for Sergeant **Donald Chah.** He is taking a patient to Ohio. He plans to spend three days with his family in Cleveland.

Other trips will include Sergeant First Class **Star W. Sessoms** and Private First Class **Alfred J. Brignac,** taking a patient to Virginia, and Corporal **John E. David,** who is going to Texas.

Master Sergeant **Don L. Dicks** has received his alert for overseas duty in Europe.

Two little factors, it's said, keep Private First Class **Russell K. Coffey** slightly unhappy. His new job in the Evacuation Office both interferes with his night life and denies him the occasion to sit down often

Private **Billy J. Van Sickle** has been transferred to HTU from Letterman.

A bachelor is a man who has taken advantage of the fact that marriage is not compulsory.

Champaign, Ill. (AFPS)—Here's an idea of what athletes used to go through for the dear old Alma Mater. In one of the early intercollegiate track meets at the University of Illinois, the participants gave their all to win prizes like the following: a mustache cup and saucer, blacking outfit, McCauley's History of England, a bath ticket, group picture of the faculty, and a bottle of cologne. No professionalism here.

New Orleans, La. (AFPS)—Kentucky, National collegiate champion; Villanova, semi-finalist in the NCAA Eastern play-offs; Bradley, semi-finalist in the National Invitational tournament, and Tulane, finalist in the Southeastern tournament, have accepted invitations to participate in the annual Sugar Bowl Basketball tournament December 29-30, 1949, in New Orleans.

Troop Information And Education

The personal satisfaction of each individual depends in large measure on the mental, physical, and moral standards which he sets for himself and by which he lives.

The conduct of the military individual is the most important factor in obtaining and maintaining the prestige and respect of our fellow-citizens not in uniform. To attain this, each military individual must adopt a personal code of so conducting himself on all occasions that whosoever observes him will be favorably impressed with the service he represents.

The mental growth and proper training of the individual is essential to promoting efficiency both on and off the job. It is a fallacy for an individual to assume that past experience in a like or similar position to his present assignment spells proficiency. Proficiency in a particular field is obtained by initial learning and sufficient repettion to maintain and increase knowledge to meet requirements of modern developments. Proficiency is fully realized when an individual uses past experience as a stepping stone to further knowledge and not as an anchor of position security.

The Armed Forces' educational programs has made available to you, and, yes, you too, those opportunities that help bridge the gap between civilian education and education in the Armed Forces. During and immediately following World War II the State Departments of Education adopted policies and practices relative to the accreditation of service training, correspondence courses, off-duty class study, and the United States Armed Forces Institute examinations. Nearly all of them provided for the issuance by the State Departments or by the individual high schools of High School Equivalency Certificates or Diplomas based largely upon the Tests of General Educational Development (GED tests).

Since 1946 some states have modified their policies as they apply to men and women in a peacetime Military Establishment and to nonveterans. In more than half the states any adult resident may now qualify for a High School Equivalency Diploma or Certificate by means of self-directed study or by demonstrating appropriate educational qualification by examination. Most of these programs utilize the GED tests. The policies and practices vary in detail from state to state and in some states, from school to school.

Visit your Troop I&E office for additional information so you can plan for your future objective in terms of your own capacities, interests, and background for continuing your growth within the service.

"PLAN TODAY FOR TOMORROW THRU USAFI."



ARRIVAL OF NEW NURSES

First row (left to right)—2nd Lt. Margaret M. Conroy, Philadelphia, Pa., Lt. Col. Elsie E. Schneider, Chief Nurse, 2d Lt. Clara A. Peckens, Howell, Mich., 2d Lt. Margaret G. Gibson, Greenville, Ala. (2d row)—1st Lt. Lyda E. McLean, Bessemer, Ala., 2d Lt. Mary L. Pacific, Houston, Tex., 2nd Lt. Wanda M. King, Houston, Tex.

HONESTY HER CREED

Barbara Stanwyck, whose auburn hair is now mostly a delightful grey, refuses to dye it for films. The star of Hal Wallis' "File on Thelma Jordon" feels that would be dishonest, adding that grey hair is becoming to women while dyed locks look artificial.

It is well to follow a leader, but wise to make certain the leader is going the right way.—**P. T. Stephens.**

CHUCKLES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Sailor's Wife: "Honey, you know, I'm ashamed of the way we live. Mama pays our rent. Aunt Martha buys our clothes. My sister sends us money for food. I'm sorry we can't do better than that!"

Bluejacket: "You should be. After all, you have two uncles that don't send us a nickel."

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Classification NCO: "You were a musician? What instrument did you play?"

Selectee: "I played second shotgun with Spike Jones."

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Girl: (to soldier boy-friend at baseball game) "Isn't that pitcher marvelous? He hits their bats no matter where they hold them!"

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MD: "I'm afraid I have bad news for you. Your husband will never work again."

Wife: "What's news about that?"

Heard in a women's shoe store: "Ouch! I'm taking this pair."

Answering the Veterans Queries

To prevent overpayments of subsistence allowances, Veterans Administration urges ex-GI students and their schools to notify VA as soon as a veteran breaks off or completes his program.

A veteran student in training under the GI Bill is not entitled to subsistence allowances after the date he interrupts or completes his training. In some cases, veterans stop their training and receive additional payments before VA is notified of their change in status. All such overpayments must be refunded to the government.

Advance notice is preferable whenever a decision is made to discontinue training. However, prompt notice immediately after such a break in training will prevent most overpayments.

Eligible veterans who want to take courses under the GI Bill that cost more than $500 for the normal school year may do so by trading traning time for the extra cost, Veterans Administration said.

The additional charge in training time will be at the rate of one day for each $2.10 of the excess charge above the $500 maximum payment allowed by law.

Veterans desiring to enroll in excess cost courses must authorize VA to pay the full charges by filling in forms provided for that purpose.

Question: How does VA determine whether a disability is service-connected.

Answer: VA determines a disability to be service-connected if it results from disease or injury incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service in line of duty.

Question: I was given a bad conduct discharge from the Army but feel that it was unfair. Can anything be done to change the discharge so that I may receive VA benefits?

Answer: Any discharge or dismissal not the result of general court martial may be reviewed on application of the veteran addressed to the service department concerned. Boards of review established in each of the service departments have authority to changge, correct or modify such dischargees in accord with the facts presenteed.

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Medical Personnel Officers Confer In The Pentagon

The conference held in the office of the Surgeon General at Washington last week with personnel representatives from the general hospitals and the headquarters of the armies covered matters that will be of much interest to the Medical Department in the months immediately ahead.

Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, the Deputy Surgeon General, opened the conference with an outline of the program to be followed, and other speakers were Colonel Paul I. Robinson, Director of Personnel in the office of the Surgeon General, and Colonel A. H. Schwictenberg, Chief of Medical Plans and Operations Division.

One of the important topics covered was the way and means of implementing the personnel reductions imposed by budgetary limitations. This will apply to all medical installations and will require intensive study to maintain the high standard of medical care with fewer operating personnel.

Also treated in the discussions during the conference were the MSC career field, and the development of plans for the re-organization of our general hospitals including a management engineering program in the new set up.

An innovation suggested by Major General Bliss was introduced at this conference. His representatives took over half of the alloted time for the exposition of their functions and the officers from the field took a like period for a presentation of their problems. The meeting was very successful in achieving its objective in the opinion of all who attended.

Major John F. Doyle, MSC., Chief of Personnel, represented Letterman at the meeting.



Dr. J. STEWART RODMAN
Chats with the Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole (left) and Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton (right), Director of Professional Services during his visit here this week.

DR. J. STEWART RODMAN VISITS HERE

Dr. J. Stewart Rodman, distinguished Philadelphia surgeon, and executive officer of the American Board of Surgery, was a Letterman visitor during the early part of this week in his capacity as consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army in graduate surgical training.

Dr. Rodman is a veteran of World War I and held the assignment as Chief of Surgery successively at 36th Base Hospital, Camp Bowie, Texas, the General Hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and the 38th Evacuation Hospital at Camp Meade.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and a Founder of the American Board of Surgery. He has been the Executive Officer since 1937. Dr. Rodman is a life member of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Surgical Association, and a past president of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgeons.

Dr. Rodman visited Madigan General Hospital at Tacoma, Washington, before coming to Letterman on this present tour of inspection for the Surgeon General.

Women's Army Corps Will Mark Seventh Anniversary Today

(AFPS)—Seven years of military service will be observed by more than 5,000 members of the Women's Army Corps, May 14.

Congress authorized the establishment of a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942 for the purpose of utilizing the skills of qualified women for the national war effort.

On June 12, 1948, Congress enacted legislation, proposed by the Army, to give women Regular and Reserve status with the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

In lauding the Women's Army Corps, Secretary of Defense, Louis A. Johnson, declared:

"The integration of women into the National Military Establishment constitutes marked progress in the utilization of America's woman power."

During the past seven years the WAC has expanded into a Corps doing more than 200 types of jobs in the more than 400 installations in all theaters of operation.

At peak strength the WAC numbered over 100,000 women.

Today, with more than 5,000 WACs in the Army, new career fields are being studied for the maximum utilization of their skills.

Technical and service schools are giving special training to the women along with the men in the Army. By June, 1950, the WAC plans to reach its first authorized strength quota of 7,500 enlisted women and 500 Regular Army officers. After that date, the Corps will build gradually to a strength of two per cent of the Regular Army, as needed.

Letterman WAC History Reflects Credit on Detachment

The seventh anniversary of the organization of the Womens Army Corps celebrated today prompts us to put into print some of the history of the corps at Letterman General Hospital.

Our records disclose that Second Lieutenant Elizabeth Reese reported here in February 1944 for duty with the Public Relations Officer and was the first member of the WAC assigned to duty at this station. Someone with a long memory states that later in the same year two enlisted WACs arrived but, due to the lack of facilities for housing of enlisted women, their sojourn was relatively brief.

The first enlisted WAC contingent to arrive and stay came in March 1945. There were six privates in the party—Helen Thompson, Mary Craig, Margariete Bilquist, Ruth Godwin, Eudora Lombardi and Virginia Hill Pennington. The girls were temporarily quartered on Ward H.

On 3 April 1945 Lt. Ernestine L. Stephenson came from the Presidio of San Francisco for station here as commanding officer of the Letterman WAC Detachment. Later in the same month the WAC moved into the old band barracks and set up an orderly room and supply room to begin business. Their training cadre was established with Pfc. Eudora Lombardi as acting first sergeant and Pvt. Bobbie Allison as acting supply sergeant. On May 8, 1945 T/3 Opal G. Borders reported as the third member of the training cadre in charge of on-the-job training of surgical and medical technicians. By the end of May there were 90 enlisted WACs and nine officers serving at Letterman.

In June 1945 the WAC cadre under Lt. Stephenson moved to Building T-214, which was to be their new home. By the middle of June the 86th WAC Hospital Company was activated with the initial 100 technicians and clerical workers. Toward the end of June the 87th WAC Hospital Company came into being with 23 enlisted women and 77 women attached unassigned. The 126th WAC Hospital Company was activated on 13 July 1945 with 13 enlisted women and 87 attached unassigned. The latter two of these organizations continued in being until December 1945 then transferred to 1972 SCU. The 86th WAC Hospital Company was inactivated on 1 October 1946 and the personnel assigned to 9956 TSU-SGO.



WAC OFFICERS

Front row (l to r)—Capt. Charlotte I. Woodworth, CO, WAC Detachment; First Lieut. Mary C. Cass, administrative assistant to the Chief of Neuropsychiatric Section; Captain Ruby M. McAllister, administrative assistant to the Chief of Surgical Service; Captain Frances V. Peterson, Fiscal Officer. Second row (l to r)—Second Lieut. Anna M. Laue, assistant chief, Clinical Psychology Section; Capt. Mary E. Nelson, assistant hospital mess administrator, HTU; Second Lieut. Pamela E. Robertson, psychiatric social worker; First Lieut. Frances E. Harllee, Chief, Information & Education Branch. Back row (l to r) —Captain Minnie L. Young, assistant chief, Personnel Division; Major Margaret A. Kimpton, Chief, Military Personnel Branch.

Letterman WACs proved themselves very valuable assets to the command and were to be found working in Receiving and Evacuation office, Out Patient Clinic, Separation, Pay Roll Section, Finance, Registrar, Neuropsychiatric Section, Social Work, Detachment of Patients, Hospital Inspector's office, Information office, Adjutant's office, Service Record Section, Dietetics Branch, Laboratory, Dental, X-Ray, Pharmacy, Phsysical Therapy, Photo Laboratory, Occupational Therapy, Orthopedic Section, Chaplain's office, and all wards in the hospital, Crissy Field and Dante Annex.

By July 1945 the WAC had grown to a strength of 320 and occupied six buildings. With the cessation of hostilities provision was made for the release from military service on a point system with quotas for each month through October of the same year. Those who declined to take advantage of the separation were authorized to re-enlist for the duration of the emergency plus six months.

In September 1946 the then Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson and 29 enlisted women left for the European Theater of Operations and the command of the WAC Detachment was taken over by Lt. Marion Chapin, who remained until August of 1947, when she also was transferred to the European Theater.

At that time Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth returned from the ETO and assumed command of the detachment which she holds until the present time.

Sergeant Anna M. Laue was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the WAC and remained here in her new capacity as a clinical psychologist on the NP staff. Sergeant Mary Hart, who was prominent in athletics during her stay here, was later commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the European Theater of Operations. Master Sergeant Opal G. Glenn, formerly Opal Borders, who was among the first enlisted WAC to report here, received the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service as the First Sergeant of the 86th WAC Hospital Company and non-commissioned officer in charge of medical training from May 1945 to April 1946. M/Sgt. Glenn is still the First Sergeant of the WAC Detachment, which has the present strength of 41 members.

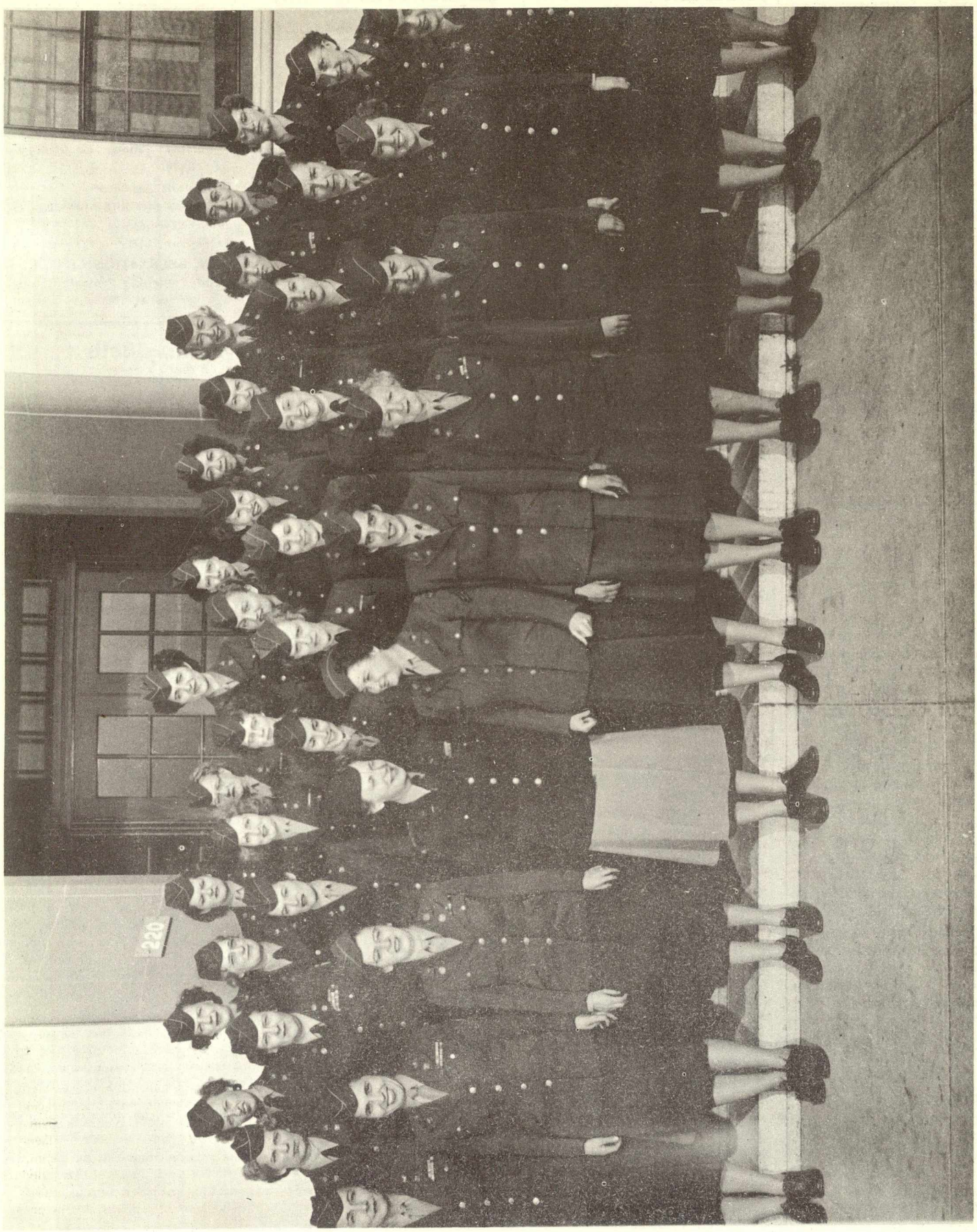
O. T. Basis of New Rehabilitation Plan for Airmen

(AFPS) — Occupational therapy and part-time work assignments for hospitalized Airmen during their convalescence will form the basis of a new Air Force rehabilitation program.

Maj. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, the Air Surgeon, announces that the program, effective July 1 throughout the Air Force and at all AF base hospitals, will require the close cooperation of the base surgeons and the unit commanders.

Base surgeons will be responsible for determining a patient's ability to work on a part-time basis, and will designate the type of job to which he will be assigned. Unit commanders will plan suitable schedules for patient-employment, increasing from a few hours daily to the ultimate goal of full duty within a shortest period of time.

During the period of convalescense, the Airmen will remain in the custody of the hospital with the exception of the daily work period. Rehabilitation needs of each patient will be determined by the surgeons on the basis of the nature of injury or illness of the Airman involved. Each patient will be checked daily to determine future work schedules.



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EDITORIAL

FELICITATIONS

Letterman is proud to join with the rest of the Army in extending congratulations to the Women's Army Corps on this seventh anniversary of the organization of the Corps.

For four of those seven years we have had the WAC with us and in that time they have fulfilled their assignment with a very high degree of satisfaction to the command and to themselves. They have proven of particular value in the field of medical and surgical technician assistance and bring to their tasks an intelligent and sympathetic co-operation that is beyond value.

With the WAC now a part of the Regular Army and its continuance assured we may look for a broader field of achievement on the part of the ladies who wear that uniform.

We old timers in the service rather liked the expression "This man's Army" but we are willing to forego it in favor of retention of the WAC. The men will share their enthusiasm with the newest component.

To the WAC—Many Happy Returns.



Assigned to Letterman this week was Captain **Dorcas E. Easterling,** ANC, who was admitted here once before—in March, 1945, as one of the famed Angels of Bataan.

Capt. Easterling was shifted from the European Command at Frankfurt, Germany. She had been separated from service shortly after her return from the Philippines, where she was imprisoned at Santo Tomas. She returned to duty in 1946.

First Lieutenant **Virginia R. Harvey,** ANC, who was married to **James Anderson,** a merchant seaman, at Albany 22 April, resigned 7 May to devote her time to housekeeping and being a good cook.

Another nurse separated from service this week was First Lieutenant **Mary C. Long,** ANC, who had been stationed at Letterman since 6 August 1945.

Lieut. Col. **Elsie E. Schneider,** ANC, chief nurse; Major **Bessie Fullbright** and Captain **Angela Poranski,** ANC, spent last week end at Yosemite National Park. Col. Schneider also was accompanied by a sister-in-law from Ohio.

Making trips to Los Angeles on week end passes were First Lieutenants **Emmaline Hallett** and **Florence Whittier, ANC.**

First Lieutenant **Eleanor Schneider,** ANC, visited Fields Landing, near Eureka, and First Lieutenant **Elsie Ehman,** ANC, went to Lodi, last week end.

Letterman nurses attended various sessions of the 19th annual convention of the Western Hospital Association at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, this week.

A trip to Santa Cruz was taken last week end by First Lieutenant **Betty Hearne,** WMSC, of PT.

People are afraid to think, or they dont know how. They fail to realize that, while emotions can't be suppreessed, the mind can be strengthened. All over the world, people are seeking peace of mind, but there can be no peace of mind without strength of mind.—**Eric B. Gutkind.**

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **James B. Stapleton,** our genial executive officer, taking a whole day away from his desk this week.

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Major **Margaret A. Kimpton** and Captain **Hazel N. Snowden** exchanging secrets in a corner on the stairway.

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Major **Bessie V. Fullbright** taking some color photos of the rhododendrons in bloom and Captain **"Pat" Dolan** in the midst of them.

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Brigadier General **Wallace DeWitt,** two time commander of Letterman, making favorable progress in his role as patient on Ward A-1.

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Master Sergeant **Percy Carnes** walking along the ramp without a cigar.

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The Engineers finally getting around to do the chapel floors.

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Major **Carrie "Tip" Barrett,** Surgery Supervisor, keeping an eye out for "The Crooked Way" due at the Post Theater next Tuesday. "Tip" should appear on the screen. Watch for her.

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Lt. Colonel **Joseph M. Burke** elated over his alert for Oahu.

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Rabbi **William Z. Dalin** plane-ing off for Chicago to represent Letterman at the Chaplains convention held in that city this week.

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The tulips tapering off.

It's a Boy

For the Patrick Joseph Sullivans over in the Mission. John Bartholomew checked in at St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday weighing eight pounds four ounces. Baby and mother doing well.

The father, wartime Staff Sergeant Patrick J. Sullivan, was stationed at Letterman for over four years and was a member of the FOG HORN staff all during his service.

Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind.—**Leonardo Da Vinci.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 15, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Wedding Bells

This morning at 1000 in the Chapel of Our Lady at the Presidio of San Francisco First Lieutenant John Edwin Scott, M.C., of Letterman and Miss Geraldine L. Berry will be united in matrimony at a Nuptial Mass with Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna officiating.

Lieut. James M. Lauderdale, M. C., will be the groomsman while the bride will be attended by Miss Betty Blauert of San Francisco.

The bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, of Middletown, Ohio, and a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph's College in Cincinnati, Ohio. She completed her internship in dietetics at the Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Lieut. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Scott, of Detroit. He is a graduate of Wayne University Medical School and is completing his year of internship in the residency training program at Letterman.

No Parking

A solution of parking problems for dropping that hurry-up letter has been found by Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa with the inauguration and installation of a Courtesy Mail Box for Motorists at Main Post Office, 7th and Stevenson Streets.

This new mail box is so constructed that the motorist may drive alongside, reach out and deposit mail without leaving the car. Twenty collections are made daily and 10 on Sundays and Holidays from this 7th & Stevenson Streets location.

A special marked parking zone (similar to a bus stop) is provided and kept open for patrons using this drive-in mail service.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY M. MORRIS
Private

The daytime duty of Private Mary M. Morris discourages her from pursuing the profitable nighttime pastime of many members of the WAC detachment—baby sitting.

The 21-year-old, one-time nurses' aide says the vocal commotion of the little guys and gals in the three-cornered slacks on ward R prompts her to forego any association with same after duty hours.

Pvt. Morris, who calls Kansas City, Missouri, her home, joined the WAC last October because "I just had to give it a try."

She went to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training, after which she was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to attend surgical technicians school for eight weeks.

She came to Letterman in March and worked on ward N-1 before she was assigned to ward R as wardmaster, her present job.

A 1946 graduate of Lillis High School in Kansas City, Mary worked as a nurses' aide at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kansas City for two years before enlisting.

In high school, she was a member of the softball, basketball, swimming and riding teams. The softball team—for which Mary played left field—took the school league championship consistently.

For the WAC detachment softball team, she is bat girl and water girl.

After her term of enlistment is up, Mary hopes to attend art school, an ambition stemming from high school art and grade school drawing. She says she would like to "attempt" a career in commercial art.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Private First Class **Richard Bell,** ward K12, took his steel guitar and went to perform at several wards. He spent some hours playing for patients on his own ward and then went to ward C-2 to entertain during a Red Cross tea party.

Five patients, enjoying coffee hour at the recreation hall, pocketed bucks for right answers on the USAFI quiz show . They were Private First Class **Ralph C. Nordmark,** ward M-2; Private **Ralph J. Sprague,** ward K-3; Private **Charles E. Jaynes,** ward 40; Recruit **George B. Rodney,** ward M-2; and Private **Frank A. Cordova,** ward 28.

First Lieutenant **Seymour Obert,** ward B-1, is well on the road to recovery. He has expressed an interest in further education.

Scheduled to begin a welcome 30-day furlough Monday is Master Sergeant **Kennedy Green,** ward K-2. Sgt. Green was admitted to Letterman 29 November 1948. He has spent his free time making purses in the OT shop before it closed for remodeling.

Recruit **Howard Hotard,** ward K-2, is slowly regaining use of his legs. He underwent surgery last January, and is starting to take PT, another stage in his recovery.

Sergeant **Billy Thomasson,** ward 31, is all smiles as he parades between the East hosiptal and the main hospital since he has acquired a high school diploma.

Throughout ward C-1 daily goes Private **Kenneth Collier,** a patient who dutifully acts as mailman to distribute the day's collection of letters to other patients. He's not the regular mailman, "but I just like to pass it out."

First Lieutenant **John J. Cahill,** ward B-1, up and around in a wheel chair, is improving. Mrs. Cahill guided him over to ward H-1 to see their four-months-old daughter who is a patient there.

Cruising around in a wheel chair nowadays is Major **Wesley Sample** (retired), ward B-1, who navigates to the PX and around the ramps. Major Semple is enjoying the change after two months on a "Stryker" frame.

Amputee patients in the East Hospital are pleased with the automobile parking spaces allotted to them near their ward 42.

Major **U. S. Pitney,** club officer for the Presidio, entered Letterman Tuesday. He is a patient on ward B-1.

G. W. Estes, veteran, ward K-2, seen along the ramp, says the headgear he wears as support for his jaw didn't interfere with a jaunt to the tonorsial parlor. How did he get a haircut wearing that? Simple, he said. It was removed temporarily.

Treks to various activities around Letterman take the free time of Private **Elmer Mills,** ward K-3.

First Lieutenant **Joe Brooks,** ward L-1, now able to go out on pass, dons his uniform again to take in the town.

Reed Spackman, a veteran of ward 42, has been avoiding the efforts of Mrs. **Margaret Mery,** USAFI worker, to interest him in several tests.

The appearance of Chess Expert **George Koltanowski** in a demonstration and competition at the recreation hall Wednesday attracted most of the chess enthusiasts among Letterman patients. Several wards were represented.

The attendance list included Captain **Perdue A. Wymore,** ward 26; Captains **Eugene J. Callaghan** and **John Lee,** ward B-1; **Charles Wright,** a veteran, ward D-1; Private First Class **Albert Dettori,** ward 30; **Lee Lester,** ward D-2 veteran; Private First Class **Dean Heckert,** ward C-2; **James McGinnis,** O-2 veteran; Corporal **Edmond Smith,** C-2; Private **Henry J. Rueschoff,** B-2; Sergeant **Francis Barber,** ward 42; Sergeant **John Bays,** E-2; Corporal **Walter T. Podlas,** B-2; Sergeant **Morris L. Cook,** C-2; Recruit **John M. Kislo,** O-2; Corporal **Lucien Wall,** B-2; Master Sergeant **Wilbur M. Booker,** M-2, and Corporal **Albert J. Kaleo,** Recruit **William Tone** and Sergeant **Byron J. Knight,** ward 30.

Bowling

The women's Bowling League resumed play on Monday evening at our alleys and teams captained by Lieut. Bernie Beaudreau for the Nurses, and Sergeant First Class Eleanor Eaton for the WAC took two out of three games to lead the pace for the time being.

Lieut. Marsha Sostik rolled a total of 455 pins with a game high of 178 to be the top lady.

IN THE NEWS



JACK W. SCHWARTZ
Colonel MC

The old wheeze in civilian life about the man who did not know just what job he was on until after he looked at the title of his cap has a counterpart in the old army custom of assigning an officer or man to a spot "in addition to his other duties."

Colonel Jack W. Schwartz is already a very busy man as Chief of the Urology Section, and Assistant Chief of the Surgical Service, and last week he read orders assigning him as Director of Intern Training.

In his 20 years or more in the army Colonel Schwartz has probably handled many assignments "in addition to his other duties" and this will be nothing new. He has built up a local reputation as a hard worker and people in that category can always find time to accomplish whatever is requested. Does not have to be ordered.

In his new job the colonel will have supervision over the training of some 28 interns due to report here in July and will look after the completion of the training for the current class graduating in June.

And the colonel is no mean soldier. He was present at the surrender of our forces on Bataan and spent the next 42 months as a prisoner of war. He has the Legion of Merit for his work in the prison camps and the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second award for outstanding accomplishments in Manila and on Bataan. He wears the Purple Heart for wounds received during a bombing raid and survived the sinking of three ships transporting our prisoners to Japan.

Colonel Schwartz is a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room enjoyed Mother's Day by spending it with her children on a ride to Santa Cruz topped by a huge barbecue steak dinner while **Gwen Skopin** of the Baggage Room enjoyed a Mother's Day dinner with her children at Los Gatos.

A recent May day rain found **Esther Kleinclaus** of the Detachment of Patients office on the roof of her home patching a leaking spot.

Zona Carter of the Post Office left Letterman and San Francisco this week to move across the bay to make her home in Alameda where her husband, **William**, formerly stationed at Letterman, is now enrolled at the Aerotech School.

We extend a hearty welcome to **Maurris Villanueva**, the new porter in the Letterman Post Exchange.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel office attended a conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Thursday of this week.

Barbara Colegrove of the Neuropsychiatric Section is back on duty after an absence of seven weeks. She suffered a broken leg and though her leg is still a little stiff, Barbara says she feels fine and well on the road to recovery.

Rose Miller of the Letterman Post Exchange is also on duty again, now fully recovered from a back injury which kept her home for a week.

Helen Hoffman, formerly at Letterman in the Reconditioning Section, was in time to celebrate Mother's Day this year with the arrival of Carl Frederick Hoffman, who was born on 20 April.

Emily Knepp of the Dental Clinic believes in getting her exercise and fresh air all at once. Last week end she played golf at Belmont and also donned her swimming suit for the first time this year.

We extend a welcome to **Omar P. Lund**, the new medical technician in the Laboratory Section and **Lorraine Shelton** of the Orthopedic Service.

After three and a half years of service at Letterman, **Joe Schick** of Pharmacy Section handed in his resignation. He will take with him the best wishes of his many friends at Letterman.

KENTUCKY BELLE BEARS OUT THE BOAST ABOUT BEAUTIFUL WOMEN



Second Lieutenant WILMA P. MERCER, ANC
Who joined station here this week

Among the ten nurses arriving here last week from the Brooke Medical Center where they had just completed the Basic Training Course for female officers was Second Lieutenant Wilma P. Mercer, of Eubank, Kentucky.

She and the other nurses of the arriving group were members of the "Kate Smith" class which was recruited under the sponsorship of Miss Kate Smith during the recent celebration of the 48th anniversary of the founding of the Army Nurse Corps.

Lieut. Mercer is a graduate of the Indianapolis General Hospital School of Nursing and after completing her course in 1947 she remained to take an assignment on the hospital staff. She subsequently served as a civilian nurse at the station hospital located at Scott Air Force Base, in a Belleville, Illinois, for 18 months where she learned something about the life in the armed forces.

It seems there were two California nurses taking the basic training with the class and, after the manner of our native sons and daughters, they did a lot of talking about this Golden State. Lieut. Mercer was an eager listener and when the time came to state her preference for station Letterman was given as her first choice, and although she has been here but a few days she is certain there was excellent judgment behind her request for assignment here.

As a matter of fact the famed Kentucky Derby was being run at Churchill Downs on the day the lieutenant reported at Letterman. That is an event no native of the Blue Grass State ever wishes to miss, but Lieut. Mercer admits she found adequate consolation after looking us over.

The lieutenant is a tall brunette and very much the athletic type of girl so it is no surprise to learn her favorite pastimes are tennis and bowling. We have facilities for both sports here but unless we miss our guess she will not have to devote all her evenings to such pastimes.

And the lovely lieutenant does her part to justify the renown of the Blue Grass state as the home of beautiful women as well as the best bourbon and horses.



29 April

To Sgt. and Mrs. Warren H. Taylor, a girl, **Linda Jean.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Melvin C. Drasher, a girl, **Ann Marie.**

30 April

To Sgt. 1cl. and Mrs. Frank L. Ferguson, a boy, **Charles Frederick.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard O. Capron, Jr., a boy, **Phillip Wayne.**

1 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Tinsley, a girl, **Sharon Jean.**

2 May

To Major and Mrs. Charles F. Arnold, Sr., a boy, **Charles Forrest, Jr.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Matt Johner, a girl, **Carol Ann.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Theodore W. Merkel, a boy, **Richard George.**

To Major and Mrs. Edwin G. Caudill, a boy, **Charles Jefferson.**

3 May

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Cilfford A. Dougherty, a girl, **Nina Dianne.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur A. Thrall, a girl, **Shaton Cathleen.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Lucius Barge, Sr., a boy, **Lucious, Jr.**

4 May

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John T. Shepherd,a girl, **Nancy Marie.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Eules E. Graham, a girl, **Christine Gail.**

To Pvt. and Mrs. Richard G. Delicato, a boy, **George Richard.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Edward R. Smith, a girl, **Patricia Ann.**

5 May

To Pfc. and Mrs. Leroy E. Adams, Sr., a boy, **Leroy Evon, Jr.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Langdon G. Garfield, Sr., a boy, **Langdon Garfield, Jr.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Edward B. Craven, Jr., a boy, **Paul Edward.**

6 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jack F. Stuart, a girl, **Carole Louise.**

A sailor at a restaurant counter, after waiting for several minutes, was finally approached by the waitress. He said he would like some coffee without cream. The waitress went back into the kitchen. About five minutes later she returned and said: "I'm sorry. We're all out of cream. Would you just as soon have your coffee without milk?"

WAC

Softball still holds the spotlight around the WAC Detachment. Practice sessions with the Presidio WAC team have proved to be valuable to both teams in preparation for entrance in the San Francisco City League. These sessions could also be utilized as First Aid practical demonstrations.

Sergeant First Class **Ellie Eaton** left Tuesday to accompany a patient back to Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a five day delay included in her orders. Quite convenient that her home is just 100 miles from Minneapolis!

The Women's Bowling League was officially started last Monday night. Pins falling and the occasional shriek of a gutter ball could be heard throughout the Letterman Bowling Alleys.

Sergeant **Lea Lamascus** has received orders directing her to report to Camp Stoneman the latter part of this month for shipment to the Far East.

Recruit **Lilly C. Roberts**, most recent addition to the WAC Detachment, reported here for duty after completing Medical Technician training at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** is going on leave Monday. Her plans include a trip to Los Angeles.

Seen around the WAC area: Three of our newer girls industriously cleaning the rug in the day-room and trying to solicit help by offering cokes to all potential participants. All the WACs conscientiously searching their pay envelopes and counting their money after being worried that any money overlooked would be kept by the paying officer. The usual Sunday morning pilgrimage to the kitchen for some breakfast. WACs attired in the appropriate sun-bathing ensemble lying outside absorbing the California sunshine.

It may be that we should stop putting so much emphasis in our own minds on the monetary value of a college education and put more emphasis on the intangible social and cultural values to be derived from learning. The time may be coming when we will have to start accepting the idea that education is life, not merely a preparation for it.—**Seymour E. Harris.**

PUNSTER'S PARADISE PASSED UP IN PICKING SERVICE FOR SERVICE



Second Lieutenant CURTIS E. SERVICE, MSC., Newly appointed Chief, Training Branch

Second Lieutenant Curtis E. Service, chief of the training branch, took the reins of Letterman's multiple schedule of training recently when Captain Leon T. Tayloe departed for overseas.

Lieut. Service, who was commissioned in March, 1945, upon completing OCS, moved up to his present duties after understudying Capt. Tayloe as an assistant in the branch since 28 January 1949.

He was transferred to the branch from the Troop I & E office, where he served as assistant chief in his first assignment at Letterman.

Lieut. Service joined the Army 13 June 1942 at Salem, Oregon, his hometown, and was separated from duty in February, 1946.

His first tour of active service took him across the Pacific twice, first to New Caledonia and then to the Philippines. He came to Letterman upon returning to active duty 4 November 1948.

After basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, Lieut. Service was assigned to the 29th General Hospital at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. He was sergeant major of the 29th for two and a half years, both in the zone of interior and overseas.

He spent a year in New Caledonia, and returned to the states to attend OCS in medical administration at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

When commissioned, Lieut. Service went to Fort Lewis, Washington, and then to the Philippines, where he was medical supply officer for a replacement depot from June, 1945, until January, 1946.

He re-entered the Army in April, 1948, and was sent to the Long Beach Air Reserve Training Detachment, where he served until returning to active duty.

Lieut. Service attended school in Salem. He and Mrs. Service, and their two small sons, live in Richmond. He likes to fish, he says, but the young Services demand considerable of his time.

With Service in the service the punsters could have a lot of fun.

Permanent Army Commissions Open To Former Officers

Opportunities for permanent careers as officers in the Regular Army are still available to qualified wartime officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and other branches, General Mark W. Clark, commanding the Sixth Army, announced.

While an excellent response has been received in the Sixth Army area to the previous announcement of the officer procurement program, a continuing shortage of second lieutenants throughout the Army as a whole has resulted in extension of the deadline date for applications to June 30.

For the first time in its history the Army is offering direct Regular commissions to former officers of other services under the new program, one of several projects aimed to build up its officer staff to full strength.

The direct commissions are open to veterans with one year of commissioned service between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, in any of the major services, equivalent duty with the United States Health Service in the Army or Navy, or with the Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey Service under specified military authorization during the war.

Age limits are 21 to 27 years, although credit allowed for active duty in wartime and since December 31, 1947, will in some cases permit acceptance of applicants up to 30 years of age.

Candidates must have received a bachelor's degree from an authorized university or college by June 30, 1949, although a waiver will be considered for non-graduates who have completed 120 or more semester hours. Considerable interest in the new offer has been noted among former officers who have completed their college training under the GI Bill of Rights.

General Clark emphasized that this procurement plan is in addition to the opportunity for regular commissions after a successful competitive active duty tour with the Army as a reserve officer, or the granting of direct commissions to distinguished military graduates of the senior division, Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Report from Washington

The Army has asked Congress for authority to commission women doctors, dentists, veterinarians and other medical specialists in the Regular Army and ORC.

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The Army will seek 12,500 recruits this month, 2,500 over the April quota, and 7,500 over the February-March quota.

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The end of April saw extension of the Army Career Plan to the four major combat fields, Infantry, Artillery, Armed Cavalry and Field Engineers, 75 per cent completed. Present schedules call for implementation of Field Engineering this month.

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Work accomplished by the National Security Resources Board in connection with "M-Day" plans, have saved six months of time toward total mobilization, should it become necessary, according to testimony submitted to Congress.

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During the Revolutionary War, the garrison ration cost 11.11 cents per day, according to recently compiled statistics. In the Civil War it was 16 cents; Spanish-American War, 12.81 cents; World War I, 48.2; World War II, 43.86. In January, 1949, the daily garrison ration cost was $1.0439.

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Tours of TDY for ground crew personnel on "Operation Vittles" duty may be extended from the normal 90 to 180 days to eight months without the individual's consent, according to an Air Force ruling. This may be further extended to 11 months with the individual's consent.

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Since ample advance notice is available, cases involving additions to Airmen's families normally may not be considered of such emergency nature as to warrant help from the AF Aid Society, the Air Force has ruled.

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A selection Board to recommend Regular Air Force officers for promotion as permanent captains is scheduled to convene in mid-May.

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Air Force commanders have been directed to impress upon personnel the importance of maintaining regular communication with their families. A considerable amount of burdensome official correspondence has resulted from failure of Airmen to keep in touch with relatives.

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The Army has drafted legislation which will provide statutory authority for its present organization. It now operates under Executive Orders related to the President's wartime powers. The new bill has been submitted to the other Services for concurrence, since it involves laws affecting all NME components.

WAC DETACHMENT

Captain CHARLOTTE I. WOODWORTH, (WAC) MSC
Commanding

1st Sgt. **Opal G. Glenn**
Kilgore, Texas

M/Sgt. **Nellie P. Johnson**
Great Falls, Mont.

Sgt. 1cl **Julia Brew**
Syracuse, New York

Sgt. 1cl **Grace K. Davis**
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sgt. 1cl **Margaret A. Drescher**
Tucson, Arizona

Sgt. 1cl **Eleanor J. Eaton**
Sandstone, Minn.

Sgt. 1cl **Myrtle M. Gragg**
North Cherokee, Okla.

Sgt. **1cl Lestie H. Roach**
Sarasota, Florida

Sgt. 1cl **Barbara J. Thomas**
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Sgt. **Nancy W. Banvard**
Ashland, Oregon

Sgt. **Anne L. Benich**
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sgt. **Reba E. Birum**
Sacramento, Calif.

Sgt. **Edna V. Carrick**
Galesburg, Ill.

Sgt. **Billie M. Griffin**
Barton, Ala.

Sgt. **Dorothy L. Guy**
Vicksburg, Miss.

Sgt. **Jane T. Jones**
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sgt. **Jessie D. King**
San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. **Gladys L. Knowles**
Corinna, Maine

Sgt. **Leatris D. Lamascus**
Wilson, Okla.

Sgt. **Loie C. Silsby**
Winthrop, New York

Sgt. **Pauline D. Smith**
Green Lane, Penna.

Sgt. **Betty Stahl**
Reno, Nevada

Sgt. **Mildred Ulisse**
New Britain, Conn.

Sgt. **Frances L. Walker**
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sgt. **Betty J. Wugan**
Culver City, Calif.

Cpl. **Oliver A. Badger**
Rutland, Vermont

Cpl. **Rose K. Casilio**
Johnsonburg, Penna.

Cpl. **Marilouise Damm**
Brooklyn, New York

Cpl. **Patricia F. Farrell**
St. Louis, Mo.

Cpl. **Emma H .Ghormley**
Champaign, Ill.

Cpl. **Mildred Johnson**
Schurz, Nevada

Cpl. **Joan M. Webster**
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Cpl. **Henrietta Zuzga**
Detroit, Mich.

Pvt. **Elizabeth A. Darrock**
Bayside, LD, New York

Pvt. **Mary Anne E. Dunphy**
Clyde, Kansas

Pvt. **Mary R. Gray**
Savine Pass, Texas

Pvt. **Marjorie E. Hurst**
Hudson, Florida

Pvt. **Patricia E. Leedham**
Eagle Creek, Oregon

Pvt. **Mary M. Morris**
Kansas City, Mo.

Rct. **Harriet B. Klein**
Bronx, New York

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans take an unnecessary risk of losing their money and their insurance protection when they mail cash to pay premiums on National Service Life Insurance policies, Veterans Administration warned.

A number of NSLI policyholders continue to send cash to VA district offices for premium payments. Recently a VA district office received an envelope with over $1000 in cash, to be applied to a veteran's insurance account.

VA pointed out that a veteran, making his insurance payments in cash through ordinary mail, has no way to prove he made the payments in the event it fails to reach VA. Failure to receive the money leaves VA no choice but to lapse the policy.

Veterans are urged to use money orders, postal notes (with the reverse side filled out in full), or checks for NSLI premium payments, and also to use the yellow envelopes furnished by VA in mailing the payments to the appropriate VA district office.

Veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii should mail their National Service Life Insurance premiums to Veterans Administration, Collections Division, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California.

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Question: I wish to convert my National Service Life Insurance. Do I get credit for all the money I paid on my term insurance?

Answer: No, because the premiums paid on your term insurance were required to pay for the cost of the protection afforded. If you can convert now, you must pay the full premium required at your attained age for the converted insurance.

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Question: I am a World War I veteran and was married in 1947. Will my wife be entitled to a pension at my death?

Answer: The law provides that the widow of a World War I veteran may be paid a pension only if she was married to the veteran before **December** 15, 1944. If she married him after that date, she must have been married to him ten or more years at the time of his death.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Murphy GH Becomes Proving Ground for New WAC Training

Murphy General Hospital, named in honor of the first Medical Department soldier to win the Medal of Honor, located in Waltham, Massachusetts, will be used by the Army Medical Department as a "proving ground" to gauge the abilities of service women to perform the duties normally assigned to male army personnel.

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, Surgeon General of the Army, announces that enlisted members of the Women's Army Corps are being assigned there for that purpose. The experiment, scheduled to start June 1, will continue for two years.

General Bliss said that the WACs would work at Murphy General Hospital and at the Lovell Section at nearby Fort Devens. The WAC will operate the hospital pharmacy, work as photographers, X-ray technicians, mess attendant and stewards, supply clerks, and physical reconditioning instructors.

WACs are already filling many of these jobs in the Army Medical Department, the General said, but this will be the first time that all such jobs in one hospital will have been filled by women.

Ever since the WACs first reported for duty at Letterman they have performed very dependable service as medical and surgical technicians and in Receiving and Evacuation office, Out Patient Clinic, Separation, Pay Roll Section, Finance, Registrar, Neuropsychiatric Section, Social Work, Detachment of Patients, Hospital Inspector's office, Information office, Adjutant's office, Service Record Section, Dietetics Branch, Laboratory, Dental, X-ray, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Photo Laboratory, Occupational Therapy, Orthopedic Section, and Chaplain's office, to name a few.



Captain ADA M. BOWERS, WMSC

Captain Bowers Leaves Letterman

Captain Ada Marie Bowers, Womens Medical Specialists Corps, who has just completed one year of service at Letterman in her capacity as Chief, Occupational Therapy Section, left this week for home on receipt of orders indicating the President had accepted her resignation as an officer of the Regular Army.

Prior to being commissioned in the WMSC Captain Bowers had served at McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., and at Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, California. Her first station as an officer was at McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena.

Captain Bowers holds a B. E. degree in Physical Education from the University of California (Southern branch) and a Master's degree from Columbia University in New York. She took her OT training at the University of Southern California.

The captain has retreated to the southland to make her home.

Bill to Increase Army Pay Makes Progress in House

Over the past week end the word was passed in the public prints to the effect that the Armed Services committee of the House of Representatives has unanimously approved the proposed pay increases for all the armed forces.

Chairman Vinson was quoted as reporting all 28 members of the committee present voting for the measure after hearing the reading of a letter from the Secretary of Defense indorsing the bill. Mr. Johnson in turn quoted the Bureau of the Budget as reporting the President had no objection.

If approved by Congress, it will provide the first general salary increase for officers since 1908, although there have been minor increases in some instances since that time. The new pay scale would increase the compensation of generals and admirals some 50 per cent, while the general average for all would be 14 per cent.

The new pay bill would apply not only to active members of the armed services, but also to the reserves, the National Guard, the Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, and the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Later reports in the press inferred there would be some opposition to the bill on the floor of the House in view of the present drive for economy in government expenditures, but the measure has the support of enough fair minded legislators to insure its passage.

In 1908 the pay of a private was $13 per month. Today the pay of a recruit—formerly private— is $75 per month. Since 1908 the pay of officers in field grade has increased 10 per cent.

New General Officer Grades for 12 in Medical Department

Word from Washington has it that the President has released the names of 12 medical officers nominated for general officer grade and awaiting confirmation by the Senate.

Named for permanent major general are: Brig. Gen. Guy B. Denit,



Major General GUY B. DENIT

MC; Brig. Gen. Joseph I. Martin, MC; and Brig. Gen. Walter D. Love, DC. On the list of the new temporary major generals are: Brig. Gen. George E. Armstrong, MC; Brig. Gen. Paul H. Streit, MC; Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Hume, MC; Brig. Gen. George W. Rice, MC; and Brig. Gen. John M. Hargreaves, MC.

Listed for permanent promotion to the grade of brigadier general are: Col. Robert P. Williams, MC; Col. Robert B. Hill, MC; and Col. Arthur R. Gaines, MC. A temporary promotion to the same grades goes to Colonel Edwin H. Roberts, MC.

Major General Guy B. Denit is a native of Virginia and a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. His first military service was Virginia National Guard in 1915 and to active duty on the Mexican border in June 1916. He came into the Regular Army in February 1918 and has served continuously since that time.

In his long military career General Denit has seen service in World War I as assistant division surgeon, 29th Division AEF and with the American Forces in Germany. He was an instructor at the Medical Field School at Carlisle Barracks and a graduate from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. He served four years as Chief of Planning Division, SGO, followed by three years as medical inspector for the Hawaiian Division.

General Denit graduated from the Army War College in 1936 and subseqeuntly spent four years as an instructor at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. In World War II he was the Chief Surgeon for the Atlantic Base Section at Casablanca, Africa, and then Chief Surgeon, American Forces, Pacific Theatre. In 1946 he was the Chief Surgeon for the First Army and since August of 1948 he has been the Chief Surgeon for the European Command.

General Denit wears the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Major General Joseph I. Martin, Commandant, Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas,



Major General JOSEPH I. MARTIN

is a native of Chicago, Ill., and was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserves in 1918 and in the Regular Army in 1920. His first station was at Fort Riley, Kansas and subsequently went to the Philippines for a two year tour of duty in 1921. He was graduated from the Army Medical School in 1926 and took the advanced course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning in 1927 and 1928. After a tour at Carlisle Barracks he took a two year course at Fort Leavenworth, graduating in 1934.

Following that he served two years in Panama and came back to Carlisle Baracks as a director of the Department of Medical Art for the next three years. In June 1940 he was graduated from the Army War College.

He was designated Chief Surgeon of the Fifth Army in Africa in March 1943, and remained in that capacity until July 1945 when he was transferred to the Pacific Theater as Chief Surgeon, Army Forces Western Pacific, in Manila. In January 1946 he was appointed Chief Surgeon, Army Forces, Pacific, and moved to Tokyo that month. In August 1946 he returned to the United States and was assigned as Deputy Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Major General **Walter Duncan Love** is a native of Elmont, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry. He entered the army as a reserve officer in 1918 and was commissioned in the Dental Corps, Regular Army, in July 1920. He went through the various grades until appointed a Brigadier General in January 1948.

During World War I General Love served at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, Army Supply Base at Newark, New Jersey, and Debarkation Hospital No. 3, New York, New York.

He has also served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, the US Military Academy at West Point, had a tour with the American Forces in China for three years and a later two year tour in Hawaii.

In World War II General Love



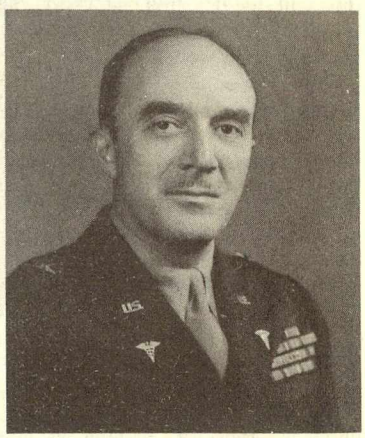
Major General WALTER D. LOVE

was Chief of the Dental Service of a 2,000 bed general hospital in the India-Burma Theatre. On his return to the states in March 1946 he was assigned to the Dental Division, Office of the Surgeon General, first as Chief of the Personnel Section and later as Deputy Chief of the Dental Division, in which capacity he now serves.

Major General **George E. Armstrong,** the Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, is another officer of the Medical Department who has had a distinguished career and highly esteemed as one of "Letterman's Own."

The general started his army career at Letterman when he reported here in July 1925 to begin his interneship under a reserve commission in the Medical Corps. A year later he was appointed to the Regular Army and has served continuously since that time. The stations at which he served during the years of peace included Schofield Barracks, Fort Stotsenburg, Tientsin, Fort Benning and Carlisle Barracks.

When the emergency was declared in the Fall of 1939, General Armstrong was attending the advanced course at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. After completing the course in December 1939 he was assigned as Assistant to Colonel Paul R. Hawley (later Major General and Surgeon of the European Theater) where for more than a year he was engaged in the preparation of Medical Department Training Manuals. In the Spring of 1941 he attended a special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, following which he returned to the Medical Field Service School and became the Director of the Department of Medical Administration .In April 1942 he was transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas, to organize and operate a Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School. Some eight thousand officers had been graduated from this school by August 1943, when General Armstrong was ordered to overseas duty in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations.



Major General GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG

In recognition of his overseas services General Armstrong was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States, and the Cloud and Banner and Legion of Honor decorations by the Chinese Government.

On his return from overseas he went to the Office of the Surgeon General as Chief of Office of Personnel. A year later came his appointment as Deputy Surgeon General.

Major General Paul H. Streit, the Commanding General of the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C. and former Chief of the EENT service at Letterman, is one of the distinguished officers of the Medical Department whom we honor in the category of "Letterman's Own."

Born in Sequin, Texas, General Streit attended the University of Texas and received his M. D. degree from the Medical School of that university in 1916. He joined the Regular Army Medical Corps as a first lieutenant, and went overseas with the 87th Division in October 1917.

The general returned to the United States in 1921 and in the following years he served at Fort Benning, Field Service School and the Army Medical School, the Station Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, had a year of post graduate work and study at the New York Post Graduate Hospital and a tour at the General Dispensary in Washington.

During this period he passed the examination of the American Board of Otorhinolaryngology, being one of the first Medical Corps officers to be accepted as a member of that Board.

He was the Chief of EENT at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila from 1929 to 1931 and the next four years held the same post at Fort Leavenworth, and from 1938 to 1942 he was EENT Chief at Letterman.



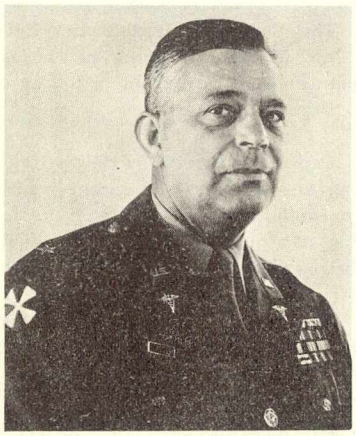
Major General
PAUL H. STREIT

In the spring of 1942 General Streit was assigned to the command of 147th General Hospital in Honolulu, and from 1943 to 1945 he was the Surgeon for the Pacific Base Command. Late in 1945 he assumed command of Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, California, and in January 1948 he was assigned to the command of the Army Medical Center at Washington—his present post.

Major General George W. Rice, Chief Surgeon, 2nd Army, is a native of Cumberland, Md., and a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He entered the military service by way of the Maryland National Guard in 1916 and saw active duty on the Mexican Border.

In October 1917 he was commissioned in the Medical Reserve and in January 1918 he was appointed to the Regular Army. He advanced through all grades and was made a brigadier general (temporary) on May 8, 1948.

Following World War I service at Camp Greenleaf, General Rice was sent to the Philippines in 1919 for a three year tour, returning in 1925 for a brief tour at Fort McDowell.



Major General
GEORGE W. RICE

The year 1925-1926 found him a student at the Army Medical School and the Field Service School and graduating with honors. The following year 1926-1927 he attended the Company Officer's course at Fort Benning. For the next four years he was an instructor at Carlisle and in 1931 he started the two year course at Leavenworth. On graduation in 1933 he went to the Office of the Surgeon General as Director of Medical Reserve Affairs until 1936 when he was sent to the Army War College, graduating from that institution in 1937.

World War II brought him the assignment as Surgeon, US Forces in Australia where he landed in January 1942. Two years later he became the Surgeon, 8th Army and remained until December 1945. He came home to the post of Surgeon, 3rd Service Command and in June 1946 he became the Surgeon for the 2nd Army.

General Rice holds the Distinguished Service Medal ,Bronze Star, Air Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Major General Edgar E. Hume, Chief of the Reorientation Branch, Civil Affairs Division, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., is a native of Kentucky and graduate of Johns Hopkins University as a Doctor of Medicine in 1913. He had post graduate work at University of Munich in 1914 and the University of Rome in 1915. He came to the army by way of Medical Reserve Corps in 1916 and stood number one in his class on graduation of the Army Medical School in 1917.



Major General
ERSKINE E. HUME

General Hume has had a distinguished career as a medical officer of the army and has served with great credit in a variety of assignments. He has been the parole officer and director of the Department of Sociology at the US Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He commanded a base hospital in Italy during World War I and was American Red Cross Commissioner to Serbia and surrounding territory until 1920 when he returned to the United States. He was the Commanding Officer, Corps Area Laboratory, First Corps Area and during this tour he completed the course in Public Health at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Harvard School of Tropical Medicine.

He took his doctor's degree of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, he has been the librarians, Army Medical Library, and in World War II was the Commanding Officer of Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.



Major General
JOHN M. HARGREAVES

Major General John M. Hargreaves, Deputy the Air Surgeon, is a native of Minnesota, and a graduate of Macalester College, of St. Paul, and the University of Minnesota Medical School. Another of "Letterman's Own."

The general entered the army at Letterman in 1924 and with this auspicious start he has made rapid progress ever since. He is an honor graduate of the Army Medical School; graduate of the Medical Field Service School; honor graduate of the School of Aviation Medicine; graduate of the Command and General Staff School, a fellow of the AMA (American Medical Association), a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a fellow of the Aero Medical Association.

After graduating from the School of Aviation Medicine in 1926, he served three years at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila, two years at Walter Reed General Hospital as Assistant Chief of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Department and Chief of Maxillo-Facial Section; served at Langley Field, Virginia, as Surgeon of 8th Pursuit Group. Following this he served five years as Director of the Department of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at the School of Aviation Medicine; in 1940 he was transferred to Wash-

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EDITORIAL

FAILURE

Deprived of consistent success, the so-called "failure" bemoans his setbacks without a gram of regard for the lessons which could be learned.

Since childhood, most of us have heard that experience is the best teacher, although a bitter one. But often the theme of the lesson is overlooked while injured pride is being nursed.

The pens of the thinkers of this and other ages have characterized points of consolation for those who succumb, even temporarily, to adversity.

Three of these thoughts seem to outline an ever-present trend in anybody's life.

"The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials," reads an old Chinese proverb.

"A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough," says Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton.

The third, voiced by Thomas Huxley, is especially significant. "The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable to him to put the other somewhat higher."

No failure is ever so bad that it cannot be countered.



The ranks of the ANC have been bolstered with the arrival of six new nurses at Letterman.

Captain **Georgia C. Dobson** and First Lieutenant **Doris Y. Smith** both reported 14 May, and Captain **Ruth G. Rich,** a former Army nurse who returned to duty recently, came here 16 May. Capt. Dobson transferred from the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Lieut. Smith reported from Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenants **Joan D. Archer, Maxine Baird** and **Virginia R. Scott** reported to Letterman after completing training at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

First Lieutenant **Cecelia M. Cutthrope,** ANC, has taken a 30-day leave. She is visiting her home in Hayes, Montana.

A 30-day leave was taken by Captain **Elizabeth V. Hobbins,** ANC, who has gone to her home at Hyde Park, Pennsylvania.

Captain **Areline Burkhead,** ANC, is visiting in Riverside, California, during a 10-day leave.

Week end visitors to Yosemite National Park were Captain **Helen A. Nelson,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Joy B. Crain,** ANC, spent the week end visiting her home in Dinuba.

Returning to duty Monday after a 15-day leave in New York will be Second Lieutenant **Betsy Sargeant,** WMSC, of OT.

Second Lieutenant **Louisa Lindow,** WMSC, of OT, will transfer soon to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She is now on leave

A new member of the PT staff here is First Lieutenant **Helen DeZwarte,** WMSC, who transferred from Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She already has been adopted for membership on the PT bowling team.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The A-1 mess closing up and scattering its patrons from H..... to Breakfast but not exactly.

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Old timers on the ramp one day: Colonel **A. B. McKie,** longtime Lettermanite and organizer and only commander of Baxter General Hospital during the war days; Colonel **Harry L. Dale,** one time Lettermanite and former commander of Billings General Hospital and the Oakland Regional Hospital; Colonel **William J. Ryan,** Western Defense Command chaplain in the early '40s with additional duty here.

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Major General **George F. Moore,** Corregidor's last commander, on A-1 for a check-up.

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The uniform tie set in a "Windsor Knot" by some of our younger recruits.

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Tripler General Hospital heading out to sea since the Navy took over.

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The Sergeant Major-Master Sgt. **"Bob" Bergen,** fiinshing his house painting and turning in to B-2 as a patient.

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Captain **Frances V. Peterson** taking advantage of the recent memo on uniform regulations and breaking out in her summer serge—but briefly.

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Lt. Colonel C. **"Ed" Cocks** asking questions about the weather at Fort Meade. He has orders for the post.

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No more rain?

Bowling

In the Women's Bowling League on Monday evening last the WAC team took the lead in the league standing with four wins and two losses.

High for the series was Lieut. H. M. Kauffman with 417 and Lieut. Frances Harllee bowled the high game with 172.

Lieut. Leith Shaffer heads the individual averages with 149 and Sgt. Eleanor Eaton runner up with 144.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 22, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Thursday 19 May—Ascension Day Masses at 0730 and 1215

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

JWB Plays Host to Veteran Patients At Guild Hall

The USO-JWB (Jewish Welfare Board) in cooperation with Temple Emanu-El Guild entertained 75 patients from Letterman General Hospital and Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital on Thursday night last at the Guild Hall in Temple Emanu-El.

Following a brief message of welcome by Rabbi Alvin I. Fine, formerly U. S. Army Chaplain in China, and now leader of the Temple Emanu-El Congregation, an exceptionally fine variety program was presented. Announcer Wally King of radio station KSFO acted as master of ceremonies. The entertainers who so generously gave of their time and talents were Hilo Hattie, now appearing at the St. Francis Hotel with Harry Owens and his Orchestra, Rene Sosa, operatic tenor, Linda Dangel, young dance artist and her brother Mel at the piano, and the world famous Hurtado Brothers Marimba Band. Jack Fisher accompanied Hilo Hattie and Rene Sosa.

Following the show, refreshments were served and informal dancing wound up the evening.

Mesdames Henry O. Klein, George K. Manheim, and Edward Simms were in charge of arrangements for the Emanu-El Guild. Mr. Louis Zeitman of Redwood City, JWB representative to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services Committee, accompanied the busload of patients from the Palo Alto Hospital. Mrs. Milton Colton, Chairman of the JWB Women's Division was in charge of arranging for the attendance of the Letterman General Hospital patients.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN B. PRICE
Sergeant

Travel has been the highlight of Sergeant John B. Price's Army career, and the trend continues.

The soft-spoken sergeant, who has been assigned to the overnight shift in Letterman's information office, has visited 30 of the 48 states, mostly with the Hospital Train Unit, and soon he will be heading overseas.

Travel, afoot and fast, once became necessary for Price on a mere request for baking powder.

Aboard a hospital train stopped in a Texas yard, a nurse interested in making pancakes found her supplies lacked sufficient powder.

Sergeant Price was asked to visit a nearby dining car in an effort to procure a small container from the cook. He did—but it took him 50 yards at a fast gallop to get it.

Just as the cook extended the container to Price, the train pulled out, and the chase began. Price won. Breathless but victorious, he returned to the unit, presented the prize and eventually wondered—as he still does—how the pancakes turned out.

Price was drafted in July, 1945, and served seven months before being released to re-enlist in February, 1946, for three more years. Last February, he re-enlisted for another three years.

A native of Gloucester, New Jersey, he was graduated from Gloucester City High School. He took basic training at Fort Dix, and was first assigned to Camp Upton, convalescent hospital on Long Island, New York. From there, he shifted to Mason General Hospital and then to New York HTU before its consolidation with Letterman.

Sgt. Price was transferred to Letterman in July, 1948. He was a ramp sergeant for the Hospital Service Branch until his last re-enlistment.

His off-duty special activities include symphony music, roller skating and, as he says, "exploring Marina."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The chess ability of **Charles Wright,** a veteran on ward D-1, has won praise from **George Koltanowski,** world's champion blindfold player who conducts a chess feature for the San Francisco Chronicle. Mr. Koltanowski, who appeared at the recreation hall in a demonstration, had a difficult time defeating Wright. He said his opponent's game was "good enough to be published." Any patient interested in correspondence games may make application at the recreation hall.

Glen Woodman, veteran, ward 29, is one of the two regular projectionists for daily ward movies. Woodman re-entered Letterman recently. He had been a patient here about two years ago.

The intriguing game of anagrams has taken the interest of patients on ward D-2. Considerable enthusiasm has been shown for the game, and it is understood that the English language is being expanded as a consequence. No word, coin a new one.

On ward 42 this week there was a special occasion, observed with gusto and spirit. **Reed Spackman,** a veteran, got the necessary brace which enabled him to abandon his wheelchair and get up and around on crutches for the first time during the nearly five years he has been a Letterman patient. Even to say he is quite happy would be an understatement in this instance.

Private First Class **Albert E. Dettori,** ward 40, has artistic talents which he applied recently to a neat poster.

If you're interested in Canasta, the new gin rummy game recently imported from South America, there are two experts on ward C-1, Sergeant **Vern Rice** and **Wilbur Wilkens,** a veteran. Both are willing, they say, to offer instructions.

Attracting attention are the blue caps being worn by Sergeant **Edward M. Brownlee** and Sergeant **George Lieble,** both of ward 29. The toppers are designed along the lines of a "beanie," decor and all.

The organ music which flows over channel one of the bedside network from 1815 to 1945 daily is produced by Private First Class **Ralph Nordman,** former patient on ward M-2 who is now on ward 2.

First Lieutenant **Rudolph D. Davila** is anchored in traction for awhile on ward D-2, but he still has a cheerful outlook.

Entertainment on various wards is provided by two patients, Private First Class **Richard Bell,** ward K-2, and Corporal **Vincent Guidry,** ward 28. Bell, who was transferred to Letterman from Percy Jones General Hospital in Michigan, plays the steel guitar, accompanied by Guidry on either a guitar or harmonica. Bell staged similar programs at Percy Jones. He and Guidry perform both on their "home" wards and others in cooperation with the Red Cross.

Sergeant **John Bilotta** and Private First Class **John O'Brien,** both of the Air Force, have been transferred from ward D-1 to ward 29.

Studying the angles of geometry through USAFI counseling is Private First Class **Charles Worley** of ward 29.

A patient on ward B-1 is **Arcady Metrofanoff,** a veteran who has spent 25 years or more living in China. A former patient, he reentered Letterman recently.

Eastern Trip for Chaplain King

Chaplain George B. King, the popular Protestant chaplain here, left on Thursday for a trip to the eastern seaboard on a combined duty and leave status for 30 days. On his return he will bring his family with him to quarters located on the post. It is the chaplain's first leave of absence since he joined the station here eight months ago.

In his absence the duties of the Protestant chaplain will be performed by Chaplain (Captain) Rollin V. Wildin, of the Reserve Corps.

Chaplain Wildin was on active duty for two years and most of that period with the Army Transport Service. Since his separation he has been in charge of Westbrae Baptist Church in Berkeley and taking post graduate work at the University of California. He will be with us for 15 days.

WAC OF THE WEEK



EVELYN M. MEADOWS
Sergeant

One day not long ago we found a roster of the WAC detachment in our distribution box. Before filing it away for future reference we noted that the name of Sergeant Evelyn M. Meadows had been omitted from the list.

We phoned the First Sergeant to ask why and all we got was "Omigosh, it's an error; we shall correct it immediately." Later in the day we were talking with the Captain who deplored the oversight and assured us she would give the matter her personal attention. Armed with such assurances from two hitherto very reliable women we dismissed the matter from our mind. In the editorial rooms we usually check and double check but in this instance the double check was omitted.

Then came the WAC birthday and we asked for a complete roster for publication in last week's Foghorn. The roster arrived promptly; names and home towns and in the order of rank. Confidently we dispatched the roster to the printer. In time the paper came out and we casually looked over the roster. "Omigosh" they had omitted Sgt. Meadows again.

However, she did get into the photograph of the group and you will find her way up in the northeast corner near her pal, Sgt. Anne Benich, who looms up like a lighthouse in that sector. In fact, if you have trouble finding Evelyn any time look for Anne; they are never far apart.

Both came to us from Washington not long ago and both have grown into assets of this command.

We do not like to have our assets overlooked.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Jenny Anglin of the Post Exchange Cafeteria is at home nursing a broken ankle incurred while stepping out of her automobile.

"Ace" Guth, ward secretary, has transferred Ward B-1 to Ward K-2.

Mary Forthman of the Post Office spent an enjoyable vacation with friends in Los Angeles and Catalina Island.

"Jody" Gottschalk of Payroll Section spent a week's leave with her parents in her home town, Laramie, Wyoming.

Harriet Bakken visited Pasadena, Palm Springs, Los Angeles and all points south during her leave.

Annette Gross, Ward S-1, is busily furnishing her recently acquired Marina apartment, which, she says, affords her a magnificent view of the Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge.

Hazel Nelson of Finance returned from three weeks leave spent traveling in Texas and Arizona.

Ella Betteger of the PX Cafeteria left this week for North Dakota where she will spend her vacation. She will be gone three weeks.

Leo King of Medical Supply resigned recently to take a job with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in San Francicso. He takes with him the best wishes of his many friends at Letterman.

Madeleine Rose of the Chaplain's office is spending two weeks leave in and around San Francicso.

May Queen

Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding officer of Letterman, is scheduled to crown the May Queen of the Army YMCA at a coronation ball 25 May in the Y's ballroom, officials of the Y announced.

The Letterman orchestra will play for the dance.

Candidates for May Queen include Marie Brault, Betty Ferguson, Doris Plank, Mary Corboff and Lynn Clark, members of the Girls Service Organization who were selected on a basis of high points in service in YMCA activities.

The queen will be selected in general balloting.

"Waitress," called the sergeant, "I don't like the looks of this catfish."

"Well," retorted the hashslinger. "if it's looks you're after, why don't you try a goldfish?"

RED CROSS CASE WORK SUPERVISOR HEADS ACTIVE STAFF AT LETTERMAN



Mrs. ARNOLDINE ICKES
Case Work Supervisor for the American Red Cross at Letterman.

Mrs. Arnoldine Ickes, our Case Work Supervisor for the American Red Cross here, gave early evidence of perspicacity when, young in years, she elected to leave Glassboro, New Jersey, with her family to settle in California. True, it was the southern end of our state she selected but atoned for that when she joined the Letterman Red Cross staff on October 1947 in her present capacity.

Mrs. Ickes received her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, and followed that with a Master's degree in Social Work from the same school. There was additional study at Washington University of St. Louis in her specialty before beginning her professional career in the Social Service Section of the Los Angeles County General Hospital.

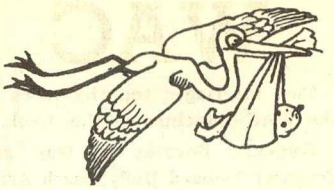
During the last four years of her service there she was the Director of the section, and then for two years was the Director of the Health Division of the Los Angeles Council of Social Agencies.

As Case Work Supervisor here Mrs. Ickes oversees the activities of nine social workers and brings to that task a high degree of competence backed by experience. The quality of the social service program in this hospital is a matter of special pride to all of us who see it in operation.

Some statistics will give a picture of the work accomplished by the staff. An average of 982 patients per month were the beneficiaries of social service during the past year. There were—during the year—277 requests for verification of basis for emergency action; 976 health and welfare reports on families at the request of patients, or requests from families on condition of patients and cleared by medical officer prior to release; 231 social histories obtained at request of medical authorities; assistance in preparation of forms for pension claims to 1441 patients, and 3773 telegrams sent or received in connection with patient social welfare work. All classes of patients—military, dependents, and veterans—come within the scope of this program.

We asked Mrs. Ickes to define social service for us and this is her definition: "The solving of social and emotional problems which keep patients from achieving maximum health."

We'll buy that.



6 May

To Corporal and Mrs. James H. Perry, Sr., a boy, **James Harrison, Jr.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank H. Kish, a boy, **Patrick Lynn.**

To Sgt. 1cl. and Mrs. Frederic M. Henderson, a boy, **Ronald Allen.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Grady Campbell, Jr., a girl, **Beverly Ann.**

7 May

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Shuffler, a girl, **Lupe Anna.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Callis W. Williams, a girl, **Diane Lynn.**

To Pvt. and Mrs. Henry Shaeffer, a boy, **James Ivan.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Fayette Massingil, a boy, **Glenn Lewis.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. James L. Bombard, Sr., a boy, **James Lawrence, Jr.**

To Major and Mrs. Audrey D.. Taylor, a boy, **Jeffrey Neil.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Thomas O. Bailey, a girl, **Barbara Jean.**

8 May

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ellett G. Thompson, a boy, **Tommie Hans.**

To S/ Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard M. Collins, a boy, **Randall Allen.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Joseph L. Howle, a boy, **Joe Len.**

9 May

To Corporal and Mrs. Robert L. Mize, a girl, **Leslie Lynn.**

To Sgt. 1cl. and Mrs. Harvey T. McElroy, a girl, **Kathleen Janice.**

10 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Antonio E. Tavitas, a girl, **Trinidad.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Max G. McKinley, a boy, **Allen Dale.**

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Walter E. Bare, Jr., a girl, **Juliet Thornton.**

11 MAY

To Col. and Mrs. Richard I. Jones, a boy, **Richard Ivor.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Stewart S. Eldridge, a boy, **Sheridan Steven.**

12 May

To Corporal and Mrs. La Monte Forgays, a girl, **Patricia Ann.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Marvin B. Watts, a girl, **Diane Elizabeth.**

WAC

Two marriages top the news in the WAC detachments this week.

Sergeant **Dorothy L. Guy** and Corporal **Richard Hally,** Sixth Army MP, exchanged vows last Saturday in a quiet ceremony in the Presidio post chapel.

At a ceremony in San Francisco 7 May, Sergeant **Betty J. Wugan** was married to Private **Elam Hilliard.** The newlyweds headed in the direction of Los Angeles on the wedding trip. Sgt. Wugan is on a 30-day re-enlistment leave. Pvt. Hilliard is assigned to 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Section.

Slightly inclement weather failed to dampen the spirit of the WAC anniversary outing last Saturday at McNary's Landing. "A good time was had by all," it's reported. Various sports activities, including fishing and softball, highlighted the day's agenda. Appetites were satisfied with fried chicken and all the trimmings.

Regular Army processing was taken this week by Sergeant Reba E. Birum, until now, AUS.

Happy about recent promotions are three members of the detachment. They are **Elizabeth A. Darrock** and **Marjorie E. Hurst,** from private to private first class, and **Harriett B. Klein,** recruit to private.

The advent of 27 May will see Sergeant **Leatris Lamascus** leave for Camp Stoneman and assignment overseas. Stationed here twice, Sgt. Lamascus was first assigned to Letterman in June, 1945.

WACs and WAFs uniforms will soon have the "new look."

Six authorities on women's dress were recently assigned by the Quartermaster General to re-style their garb in up-to-date manner.

Generally speaking, the WACs and WAFs have let out the hems of their war-time styled skirts to the limit.

The dress experts will consider styling as well as material when they plan the new uniforms.

"Sergeant" Mollie Pitcher, who took over her dead husband's cannon in the Revolutionary War, was the first American servicewoman.

During the time a third of a million fighting men died in World War II, a full million died at home from heart disease caused by worry.

LIEUT. ESTESS WINDING UP HIS SECOND TOUR AT LETTERMAN



Lieut. FLOYD M. ESTESS, MC
Who completes his internship here next month.

Things were quiet the other night in the Receiving Office as the emergency crew of doctors and technicians opened up a "session" on the war days and nights around Letterman. There are only a few still here who were active in those days and one old timer was spinning his yarns of reminiscence when the intern on duty, First Lieutenant Floyd M. Estess, remarked that he was an enlisted man here when Letterman was at the height of its activity as a debarkation hospital.

"Sure, I remember the old timer and believe he is sticking rather close to facts. It was a busy spot," he remarked to one of the others in the group. The o. t. asked him a few questions and brought out that he was enlisted man under ASTP and ERC and went on later to complete his medical education at the University of California in Berkeley after taking pre-medical studies at the southern branch of the same school. He came back to Letterman as an intern last summer and will complete his year of training here in June.

Lieut. Estess was born in Sacramento and completed high school there and moved on to junior college. Then he thought he would be an engineer and tried the course at the Los Angeles City College for a year before switching over to pre-med.

He is one of the 24 medical interns undergoing training here this year and enjoying the advantages of the superior course of instruction available to interns and residents under the Army Medical Department Residency Training program. Up to the present time he has not decided to make the army a career.

We sent a reporter over to talk with Lieut. Estess but he politely declined to be interviewed with: "Don't you know what a 'ribbing' I would have to take from this bunch of interns? I ain't talking."

Maybe he had something.

The combined three-service invasion of Normandy was the greatest amphibious operations in history.

Even in today's atomic age, General Eisenhower recently said: "The ground soldier is more than ever the keystone of armed effort."

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Eleven men assigned to the Hospital Train Unit were promoted to the grade of corporal last week. The list included Corporals **Luther Lipsett, Thomas I. Sellers, Floyd D. Sowder, Elton L. Autwell, John Bruce, Jack Smith, Allen Stanley, Pat Seeley, James Wright, Ted Yamada** and **Pablo Zavala.**

Corporal **Boyd Patterson** and Private First Class **Russell Coffey** have been keeping the midnight oil burning, noting the variety of times patients report in.

Captain **Robert Wier** left this week for Camp Stoneman en route to a new assignment in Japan.

The HTU is expecting another busy week with the arrival of the Hospital Ship "Hope" scheduled on or about 23 May with more than 200 patients.

Sergeant First Class **James L. Mitchell** received his discharge this week but says he intends to re-up.

Glad to get back to the Crissy mess hall is Sergeant First Class **Albert Mills,** who returned from a visit to New York weighing 25 pounds less.

HTU men now at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, are counting the days until they start back to San Francisco.

A new office is now occupied by the Chief of the Evacuation office, and the mess office has shifted to building 234.

Kilted Pipers

Through the interest of our valued friend, Colonel Paul R. Goode, Deputy Post Commander of the Presidio of San Francisco, the people at Letterman enjoyed a concert staged by the "Kilted Pipers" Second Infantry Division Band from Fort Lewis.

The pipers and drummers performed on the bandstand in the patio before a large and appreciative audience including our commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, who personally expressed the appreciation of the command for the entertainment.

It is believed this is the only "Kilted Piper" band in the army.

Ripping Success is Achieved by New Patent Gadget

(AFPS)—This is the ripping success story of an Army Colonel's wife —and a Sergeant on the Colonel's staff.

Together, after 15 years of work, they have revolutionized the art of sewing by introducing the "Rip-A-Seam." The new invention is a needle-like six-edged affair which will fit any sewing machine and do away with the old fashioned, hazardous, razor blade method of seam ripping.

Inventor of the device is Mrs. Ruth Lawrence, wife of Colonel John O. Lawrence of Birmingham, Alabama.

Once the needle was perfected by Mrs. Lawrence, Sgt. Merritt L. Walls, on the Colonel's staff, stepped into the picture, aided with promotional ideas, and for his work will share in patent profits.

Statistics show the Colonel's wife and the Sergeant will be busy in the counting room—what with 26 million sewing machines in American homes today and an additional four million women taking sewing courses. For every one of the 30 million are potential purchasers of the "Rip-A-Seam."

"Yes, I did it myself. Nobody helped me until I had it perfected," said Mrs. Lawrence. "As far back as I can remember I liked mechanical gadgets and if I had been a boy instead of a girl, I surely would have been an engineer."

Keeping the ever-changing windows curtained, a major problem of an Army wife, always presented the annoyance of constant seam ripping. Mrs. Lawrence decided there must be an easier way.

Perfecting the needle took years and was done while constantly on the move with her husband.

Recently she completed the gadget, attached it to her sewing machine and "let 'er rip." Seams were cut and threads went flying all in the same movement.

Then Sgt. Walls stepped in and took over the promotion end, finally interesting Abraham and Straus, New York department store.

Result? More than 2,800,000 gadgets already have been sold at 98 cents apiece. A million more have been ordered and the manufacturer's machines are turning out 1200 an hour—working in three shifts to keep up with the demand.

"Let 'er rip" indeed!



By Armed Forces Press Service

THE story of Joe DiMaggio's ailing heel may well be the story of the 1949 Yankees, despite the fast start of the Stengeleers. It has been said that "as DiMaggio goes, so go the Bronx Bombers." There's a lot of truth in it.

The Yankee Clipper's injury does not only affect Yankee fans. His is practically the tale of baseball—the lone active survivor of one of the greatest dynasties the game has ever known. He remains the link between the years that saw Yankee teams sweep to glory with such stars as Ruth, Gehrig, Coombs, Lazzeri, Dickey and McCarthy, and the present edition that may well be fighting to stay in the first division.

To the Clipper's fans, it's a pathetic sight to see their idol hobbling about. . . . They automatically associate "DiMag" with speed—a speed that always deceived onlookers. He appeared to merely drift along, gracefully and easily with no sign of haste or worry.

The fans want to know what's actually wrong. They've heard the term bone spur so many times, its practically become a household word. What does it mean? Just what is a bone spur?

According to medical authorities, an irritation to the heel bone causes a spur. Baseball players easily develop them because irritation is encouraged by speedy running combined with sharp turns and twists.

As the irritation becomes more pronounced, the heel bone attempts to protect itself. This is done by laying down a layer of calcium and thus a spur—or overgrowth of bone—begins to extend from the heel bone. The growth itself might be called a bone callous for it develops in much the same manner as an ordinary callous.

The spur forms in the shape of a pyramid causing intense pain. Doctors say that such spurs can be removed by surgery but such an operation does not eliminate the original cause of irritation. Sometimes a symptom complex develops in the patient and even though the spur is gone he still suffers pain.

In the case of DiMaggio it is believed the irritation was caused by his activity—running, making sharp turns both in the outfield and on the bases. Doctors admit they do not know why one athlete would develop an irritation in his heel and another would not.

It has been pointed out that few, if any athletes, ever fully recover after once being troubled with a bone spur in the heel. There are isolated exceptions, of course, and DiMaggio in fact, recovered from a similar spur several years ago. His present spur is in the opposite foot, however. Baseball players seem to be more susceptible to this ailment than other athletes. This is attributed to the fact that their careers last much longer. Football players, for instance, seldom are bothered.

Athletes, however, are not the only ones who fall prey to the heel bone spur. Many people, in ordinary life, develop bone spurs. There are quite a few causes, but the major one is overweight. High arched persons likewise often are stricken.

The doctors give us one consolation, though. If you have flat feet, don't worry too much. People with flat feet just aren't bothered much—at lease not by spurs.

Did You Know—

The Regular Army has always been a nucleus used to train a larger force, if needed.

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"The ground soldier is more than ever the keystone of armed effort"—General Eisenhower.

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The Army deployed 90 full Divisions on ten battle fronts during World War II. (AFPS)

AF Globemaster Flies Record Passenger Load

London (AFPS)—The greatest planeload of passengers to cross the Atlantic arrived here recently from Mobile, Ala., aboard a giant Air Force Globemaster.

The huge plane, carrying 75 Air Force passengers and a crew of 12, landed at Marham AF Base, northeast of London.

The passengers are replacement Air Force personnel assigned to overseas stations. Personnel being rotated to the United States will make up a similar load for the return trip.

Revised Army Regulations provide exemptions to the recently-announced ruling that after May 1, no soldier discharged with a year or more of service will be re-enlisted unless he has attained grade five or higher. The restriction will not apply in the following cases: (a)—personnel in a Career Field who pass examinations and are awaiting promotion; (b)—personnel not under Career Plan who are denied promotion because of vacancy lack; (c)—personnel who held grade four or higher and were reduced for any reason, but who had, at time of discharge, started back up the ladder and reached grade five.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans planning to take summer courses under the GI Bill should be sure their eligibility is currently effective, Manager R. P. Shields of the San Francisco Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, said today.

Those who plan to use their benefit for the first time should apply as soon as possible for a certificate of eligibility if one is not already at hand. If the certificate at hand was issued before September 1, 1948, it should be taken to the nearest VA office and a new-type certificate applied for.

Maximum subsistence allowance for veterans with wives or children may be had only when certified copies of marriage or birth certificates are on file with the VA. It is the responsibility of veterans to make sure such papers are in order, and will save delay in receiving maximum subsistence checks. Payment of the added subsistence for dependents may not be made prior to the time such documents are received by the VA.

Veterans who are planning to change schools will need a supplementary certificate of eligibility, and are advised to apply at once for this in order to save delay in entering the new school. Those planning to continue in their present schools for the summer session need only notify the school, provided they have sufficient eligibility with which to continue schooling.

MORE ABOUT GENERALS

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ington as Assistant Air Surgeon; from 1942 to 1945 he served as Chief Surgeon of the Air Technical Service Command with Headquarters at Wright Field.

In 1945 he was assigned to the Eighth Air Force at Okinawa and was Chief Surgeon of the Eighth Air Force. On the organization of the Pacific Air Command he was designated Surgeon of that organization with headquarters in Manila and Tokyo. In November, 1946, he was returned to Washington to be Deputy the Air Surgeon, which position he now holds. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star medals and the Commendation Award.

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Memorial Services Will Honor War Dead on Monday

The local commemoration of Memorial Day will open at 0001 on Monday when the Fred G. Bunch Post of the American Legion will hold its traditional services at Lotta's fountain at Market, Geary & Kearney Streets in San Francisco.

The services will start with the invocation by Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, the chaplain of the Post, and the principal address will be delivered by the Honorable Gerald J. O'Gara, member of the California Senate from San Francisco. A Guard of Honor, composed of representatives of the Armed Forces, will render the salute as "Taps" are sounded.

The Bunch Post program will mark the 23rd anniversary of these services and there will be a complete cessation of traffic on Market Street during the solemn part of the ceremonies. The NBC radio network will transcribe the services for broadcast to the east later in the day.

At the Letterman Chapel there will be a Memorial Mass at 0900 and the annual ceremonies in the Presidio National Cemetery will start at 1000 with a parade of veterans organizations from Van Ness and Market to the cemetery.

At 1100 services will be held in the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno under the auspices of the United States Co-ordinating Council of San Mateo County and the Citizens Committee of San Francisco.

The invocation will be asked by Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Letterman chaplain, and the principal speaker will be Major General Evans O. Ames, United States Marine Corps, retired. The Letterman band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Oliver Margolin, will furnish the music for the occasion.

Chaplain McKenna officiated at the first interment in Golden Gate Cemetery in June 1941 and has been closely identified with the annual memorial services since that time.



Brigadier General
EDWIN H. ROBERTS
Commanding
Fitzsimons General Hospital



Brigadier General
ARTHUR R. GAINES
Commanding
Brooke General Hospital

General Hospital Commanders Promoted

Two general hospital commanders were included in the list of Medical Department officers recently nominated for promotion to the grade of brigadier general. They are Colonel Edwin H. Roberts, commanding officer of Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, and Colonel Arthur R. Gaines, commanding officer of Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston.

Colonel Roberts is a native of Missouri and a graduate of the University of Missouri and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He came into the army via the ORC in June 1917 and received his commission in the Regular Army four months later.

He served in France during World War I and in Panama during the later years of peace. In World War II he served in Iceland and England; and then returned to command successively at Thayer General Hospital and Lovell General Hospital.

In his present command dating since 1 September 1948 he had eleven years of prior service in tours of five and six years.

Colonel Roberts is Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Fellow of the College of Chest Physicians, Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons.

Colonel Gaines is a native of Altoona, Pa., and a graduate of the Jefferson College School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He entered the army in June 1917 and served in France during World War I. He tours at Fort Sam Houston, The Harbor Defenses of Long Island sound, a six year tour at Fitzsimons General Hospital interspersed with assignments to Panama and Hawaii.

During World War II Colonel Gaines was the commanding officer of the station hospital at Fort Ord, and in turn held the same post at McCaw General Hospital, Madigan General Hospital, Percy Jones General Hospital, and the 10th General Hospital at Fort Wm. McKinley in the Philippines.

Colonel Gaines is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Letterman Faces Active Summer Training Schedule

Directives from the Surgeon General and headquarters, 6th Army, advise that Letterman has been designated as a training hospital for certain groups of medical and dental ROTC students and ORC units and the following tentative schedule of training has been arranged:

Medical ROTC (Camp I), 30 May —9 July; 352nd General Hospital (Reserve), 5 June—19 June; Dental ROTC (Camp I), 12 June-22 July; 328th General Hospital (Reserve), 6 July-20 July; 385th Evacuatioin Hospital, 17 July-31 July; Medical and Dental ROTC (Camp II), 31 July-9 September; 3rd Hospital Train (Reserve), 14 August-28 August; 4th Hospital Train (Reserve), 14 August-28 August.

Camp commanders have been designated and will be assigned for the purpose of accomplishing the necessary administrative procedures for trainees.

It is proposed to divide the medical ROTC students into two separate groups, assigning one group to the Medical Service and one group to the Surgical Service for a period of three weeks and then to rotate the groups in the reverse order.

The policy established for personnel of ORC Units assigned to the hospital for summer tours of active duty training is their assignment to their local counterparts within the hospital. Chiefs of Services and Departments will make further assignments within their service or department as they deem necessary.

Facilities of the Letterman Officers Club will be extended to Officer personnel of Reserve units.

So He Took the $500 - - And Read What He Did With It

With a $500 allowance of materials and seven weeks of hard, off-duty labor, Master Sergeant George L. Turner turned a "shell of a building" into a comfortable, six-room home.

The house is T-1149, near the Gorgas Avenue gate of the Presidio to Marina.

Now furnished ranch-house style, the building was once a bare squad-room for Army firemen. It had gone unoccupied "for a long while" until Sgt. Turner went to work with his hammer, saw and talents for renovation.

The project was a real one for the sergeant, who is assigned to mess supply in charge of maintenance of Hospital Fund Property. But he vigorously applied his will to his tools to convert plainness into the appealing warmth of comfortable quarters.

The history of the present T-1149 began like many histories — with listed notice, response and hope.

The 9956 detachment bulletin board had its usual array of lists and notices last January 2nd, but one in particular caught the interested eyes of Sgt. Turner, who has spent ten and a half years in the Army.

"Notice for first graders who desire to reconstruct No. 2 fire station, T-1149, into living quarters," read the bulletin in part. It went on to outline details, and to state that any first grader could apply.

Sgt. Turner had seen the building before, and as he read the notice he knew his hopes had the chance at least to become reality.

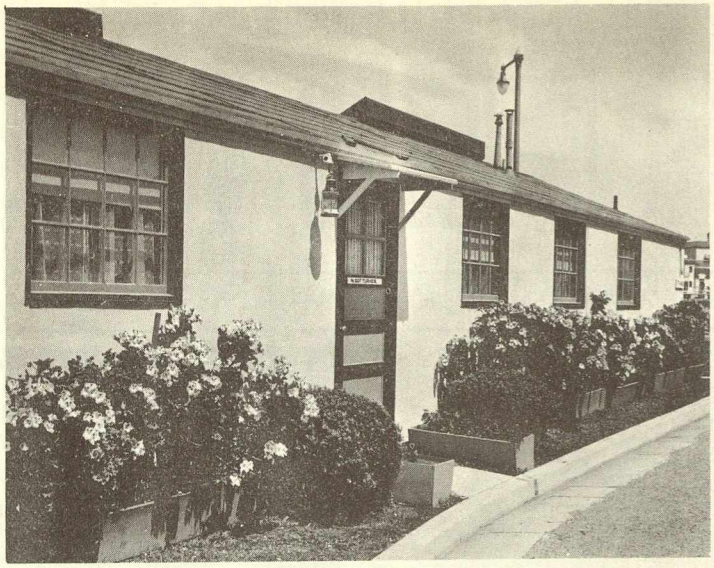
"I had been hoping," he said, "that someday I'd have the chance to reconvert the building."

He submitted his application, and waited, "keeping my fingers crossed."•

Several weeks passed before Sgt. Turner was called to the office of Colonel James B. Stapleton, executive officer, and given the plans for renovation drawn by the post engineer.

There was an understanding that the $500 allowance of materials would not be exceeded and that all of the labor would be done by the man assigned.

Sgt. Turner drew the necessary materials, and launched his long hammer - swinging, saw - wielding campaign. He had had "not very much" experience in carpentry but he went to work with determination, gradually converting the building into livable quarters.



ENTRANCE TO THE COZY COTTAGE

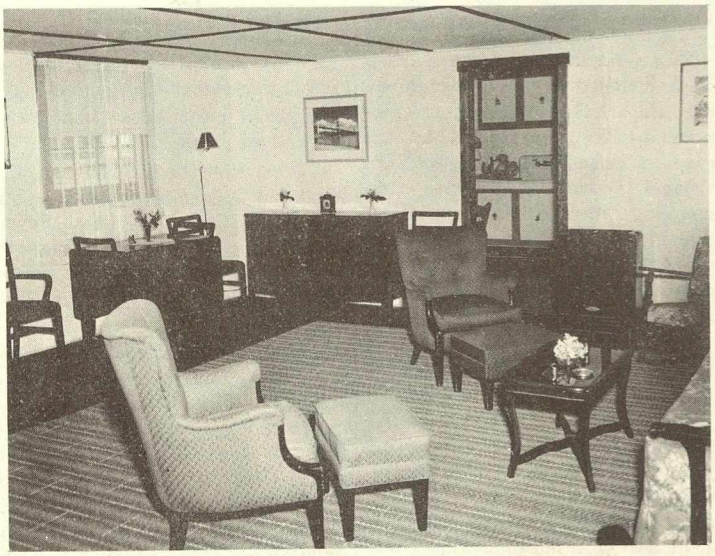
He put in ceilings and walls and partitions, and installed electrical work and wiring. He sanded the floors and painted the building, inside and out.

Sgt. Turner's first job was to install ceiling throughout the building, which he divided into five rooms. While working, he discovered the adjacent fire alarm room which he made into another bedroom.

"I didn't know about the additional room until I cut through a wall and found it," he said.

The six rooms in the house include three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bath. Added now is a laundry.

Although the cream color of the house associates it with other Presidio buildings, there is one note of distinction on the outside. The window frames are painted green and mahogany.



INTERIOR OF A COZY LIVING ROOM

Sgt. and Mrs. Turner, and the three little Turners, moved into T-1149 10 March from Richmond where they had been living in an apartment.

"We wanted a home to ourselves," said Sgt. Turner, recounting his work to make T-1149 just that.

After installing the ceiling and walls, he went to work building the necessary closets, fixing doors, sanding and staining floors, painting, fixing electrical wiring and installations. All woodwork in the quarters was stained and shellacked.

The quarters measure 58 feet long and 22 feet deep, with a spacious, well-appointed 24 x 20 living room in front.

The kitchen was rebuilt. The building had two showers and Sgt. Turner eliminated one, leaving one for the bathroom and converting the plumbing for the other into facilities for a laundry.

During his work, strung through many nights and week-ends, he drove two kegs of nails with his talented hammer and developed a professional technique with the saw.

The interior was designed along ranch-house lines "just because we like that style," Sgt. Turner said, and the decorating was Mrs. Turner's idea.

The walls are painted various shades of pastel and the ceiling cream. The living room is off-green and the bedrooms off-blue and off-green. All woodwork was stained dark oak.

Two of the bedrooms measure 16 x 14, and one 12 x 8. The kitchen is 12 x 12, and the bathroom 12 x 8.

Sgt. Turner did most of the work himself, but he was assisted from time to time by Master Sergeant Paul Hanusiak, supply sergeant for 9956 TSU and a model house builder. The three-car garage next door also was painted.

The project was climaxed on moving day when the Turners occupied the quarters and the once-bare building became home.

Friends came to see the miracle of transformation at an open house 15 March.

The Turners are well-pleased with their quarters now.

"Mrs. Turner is very happy with a home to herself," commented the sergeant, who added:

"I've been stationed on two previous posts—Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, but these quarters, for convenience and all can't be beat. T-1149 is far superior to the others."

Sgt. Turner doesnt' intend to rest on any laurels, however. "The place needs a new roof," he observed, "and it will get it in the near future."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



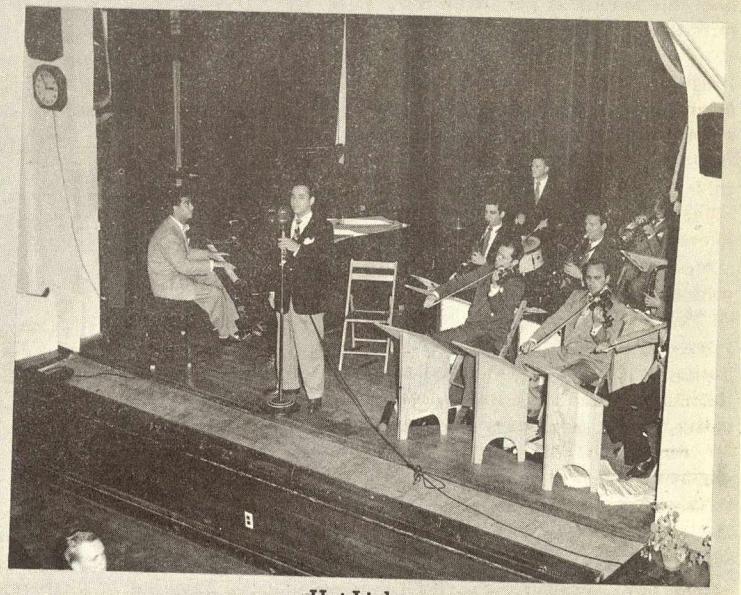
The Fishermen



The Fishing Boat



Greek Chorus at Work



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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER

Memorial Day—which we commemorate on Monday next—came into being after the War between the States and has continued to be a day set apart to honor the dead of all wars. It is a day when the known—and unknown—dead are remembered for their sacrifice.

Individual heroics always linger longest in the minds of the people, but even they fade as the spectre of war drifts farther and farther into the past.

The ceremonies on any Memorial Day are relatively simple: a wreath, a speech, an expressed memory.

Yet to thousands, even millions, this day has a significance no vocabulary is equipped to express adequately. The vacancy left can never be filled.

Memorial Day means that we remember these men and women who died heroically but mostly without personal glory to save for us those cherished rights of humanity. It means as well that the small, simple yet great white crosses symbolize sacrifice which cannot be betrayed.

Lest we forget, they paid dearly for the peace we accept and at times value too lightly.



From various stations in Germany and Australia to Letterman this week came four Army nurses. Captain **Rose M. Merhor,** ANC, reported from Berlin, where she was stationed with the 279th Station Hospital, and Captain **Bertha K. Janas,** ANC, was assigned here from the 386th Station Hospital at Nuernburg. Captain **Mary A. Kinter,** ANC, came from the 110th Station Hospital in Vienna, and First Lieutenant **Hazel M. Gardner,** ANC, reported from the 98th General Hospital in Munich.

First Lieutenant **Geanne M. Eschle,** ANC, reported to duty from the detachment of patients here, and Second Lieutenant **Mary E. Ross,** ANC, was assigned from Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Leaves have been taken by three members of the corps. First Lieutenant **Anna K. Kobilnyk,** ANC, took 30 days to visit her home in Philadelphia. First Lieutenant **Dora C. Garcia,** ANC, is on 15 days leave, and Captain **Anne R. Foster,** ANC, has taken seven days.

A lei sent from Hawaii was received this week by Captain **Vida Buehler,** chief physical therapist. A gift from Capt. Buehler's friend, Capt. **Louise D. Christmas,** chief physical therapist at Tripler General Hospital.

Second Lieutenant **Jane Racicot,** WMSC, of OT has taken a 20-day leave during which she will visit friends at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver.

Second Lieutenant **Betty Cadecott,** WMSC, has returned to duty in OT in a job she once held as a civilian therapist. She returned recently to duty with the ward S-1 clinic, OT section.

First Lieutenant **Beatrice A. Hayward** was honored at a surprise miscellaneous shower on ward 25 this week. Numerous gifts were showered. Lieut. Hayward will marry Major Theodore R. Westfall in a ceremony scheduled Monday.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **Jack W. Schwartz** and his valiant aide, Major **Frank W. Linn,** back from the Urological convention in Los Angeles.

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Uncalm comment on what happened to the pay bill.

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Lt. Colonel **Rex P. Clayton,** long time ex-Lettermanite, pausing here to visit en route from Tripler General Hospital to the Office of the Surgeon General in Washington—his newest station.

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Some very greasy omelettes in the mess one morning this week.

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Captain **George Danko,** AF Liaison officer proving helpful in getting space on flights for those in need.

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A lot of space reserved for PX service vehicles in front of the Main Exchange in building 1018. Maybe too much?

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Colonel **"Terry" Bull** dropping in for a chat with his old crony Ray "Race" Finley on L-1.

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Harry Richman putting on a good show in the Rec Hall for the patients.

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Our quota of the "Kate Smith Class" of new nurses posing for a picture and all of them "pictures." Pretty ones.

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Honest!

Bowling

In the Monday night Women's Bowling League Bernie Boudreau's team of nurses is tied for the lead with Eleanor Eaton's WACs with five wins and four losses.

High average to date is held by Lieut. Frances Harllee with 159 and Lieut. Leith Shaffer runner up with 149.

Complaints

All duty and patient personnel are reminded that complaints may be registered with the Inspector General, Room 115, Administration Building, this hospital. His office is open for complaints daily, Monday through Friday, from 1000 to 1100 hours and from 1500 to 1600 hours. Complaints will be registered on LGH Form 264-A, revised.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, 29, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Microfilm Used to Speed Up Payment On NSLI Dividends

Microfilming of the premium accounts records of more than 1,400,000 veterans, one of the steps before payment of dividends on National Service Life Insurance, will be started Friday, May 27, 1949, the Veterans Administration announced today.

D. O. Nelson, Insurance Service Director of the San Francisco District Office, said a battery of 10 microfilm machines is being installed. Work will be started at 4:30 P. M. Friday and will continue all night on filming the records of 460,000 veterans who have kept their insurance in force. The balance of the inactive accounts will be microfilmed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

After the filming is completed, the films will be sent to the VA Central Office in Washington, where the actuarial service will compute the exact amount due each veteran. Mr. Nelson pointed out that any veteran who held NSLI for as long as three months will be entitled to a dividend.

Payment will not be automatic, but each veteran must apply for his dividend. At a later date forms will be made aavilable at all VA Offices and Post Offices for the veteran to fill out and send to Washington in order to receive his dividend.

Holiday

Memorial Day, 30 May 1949, is a National Holiday and will be observed as such. All work, except the necessary efficient care of the sick, guard, fatigue duty, etc., will be suspended for that day. Sunday hours will prevail.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY RHEA GRAY
Private

Another member of the WAC detachment who deals with this very young generation is Private Mary Rhea Gray, assigned to the pediatrics clinic.

Private Gray, 19, hails from Sabine Pass, Texas, and deep in her thoughts for the future is a career in nursing.

Born at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on the eve of Christmas, 1929, Private Gray says her first name is the conventional "Mary" with no possibility of "Merry."

She attended Sabine Pass High School, where she participated in various sports—basketball, softball and tennis—until her graduation in May, 1948.

Private Gray joined the WAC 20 October 1948 and went from Texas to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training, and back to Texas for medical training. At Camp Lee, she was a member of the model company, Company C.

She was sent to surgical technicians' school at Fort Sam Houston for eight weeks, and came to Letterman from there 15 March.

Her off-duty interests include swimming, horseback riding, and too, baby sitting. "No cooking," she says softly.

Private Gray, who plays shortstop for the WAC softball team, likes WAC service "very much." She would like, she says, to go overseas eventually.

Her assignment to the medics is just what she wanted, and she says that prospects are that she will reup after her current term of enlistment ends. Her interest in the medics developed in high school, Private Gray notes, through her participation in first aid classes.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Into being this week came another Hillbilly Band, exponent of string music in Western and hill country tempo. Members of the latest organization include Recruit **Rusty Stevens,** ward M-1, who plays the violin, sings and does comedy skits while acting as master of ceremonies; Private **Leon C. Waller,** ward M-1, who plays the Spanish guitar and sings; Private First Class Anthony W. Mounts, ward M-1, guitar player and singer; and Private First Class **Jack Sargeant,** ward 40, who plays an electric steel guitar.

The band, guided by Sergeant First Class **Guy Shortz,** education reconditioning music instructor, made its debut over KLGH, where it is heard daily from 1430 to 1500. Rct. Stevens, whose fiddling is especially notable, was with the nationally known WLS National Barn Dance in Chicago for several years. This is the second such band organized within the last month, and already Sgt. Shortz is looking for members for still another.

Speaking of music, Private **Archie A. Dobson,** ward E-1, is enthusiastically studying the accordian despite his confinement to bed. Pvt. Dobson is learning to read music, and to apply his lessons, he purchased a small accordian, convenient for a bed patient.

The cheerfulness of **Grover C. Davilin,** a veteran on ward B-2, deserves a nod.

Private **Hurschel Christian** and Sergeant **William R. Ford,** ward B-2, took off early Wednesday morning on a fishing trip aboard the Army's boat. It was their first such trip here.

Pursuing further education study are **George Valencia,** ward 42 veteran, and Private First Class **Charles Worley,** ward 29. Valencia is studying mathematics, and Worley is interested in the angles of geometry, as instructed by Private **Harold Brown,** Troop I&E staffer.

An obvious introduction to this item would be that "Most people, armed with swatters, kill flies, but **Jerry M. Williams,** ward B-2 veteran, makes 'em." Err—the artficial kind used for fishing, that is. Williams busily works daily, designing and creating the flies, and it's reported he seldom wants to quit even for sleep. He has been working at his project for about two weeks, or since he began OT. He saves the flies and hopes to keep them.

Right answers to Quizmaster **Dale Wights'** questions at recreation hall coffee time brought silver dollars to the tills of four patients. Winners were Corporal **Willie P. Williams,** ward M-2; Private First Class **Lemuel E. Vaughn,** ward M-2; Corporal **Charles Bailey,** ward 40, and Recruit **George Putnam,** ward C-1. Did you hear this gag? If there are two runners on base, with none out, and the next batter hits a home run, and not a man scores, what happened? Ugh! Girls softball game.

Captain **Gerald Moultrie,** ward D-2, is back on the bicycle saw in the PT shop after a long leave.

After pricing plastic vases in San Francisco, Captain **Eugene Callahan,** ward B-1, decided to make one as a project at OT. He made a lamp base with laminated metallic threads between the plastic and completed it with a flower holder. Both he and OTs were surprised to find that it held water.

Three Hawaiian boys, Corporal **Albert Kaleo,** Corporal **Henry Keohokopu,** and Corporal **Henry Botelho,** all of ward 30, are taking therapy to exercise their lower extremities. Is the hula recommended here?

Phillip Trine, a veteran on ward E-2, who has been taking occupational therapy on the ward for six months, has been transferred to the clinic and now wheels himself down to work at projects.

Ramp scenes often feature **David** and **Jerry Edgmon,** the D-1 demons, being guided about in wheelchairs.

Literally developing interest in photography are Private First Class **Wendell Escott,** ward 41; Corporal **Alejandro Carley,** ward 27, and Private **George Mallory,** ward 41. Pfc. Escott has been using the OT photo laboratory as his base of operations.

Private **Richard Bowser,** ward M-2, has turned to the lathe to make a redwood lamp base, and Private First Class **A. D. Johnson,** ward 41, is making a cabinet at OT for his phonograph records.

To develop his hand muscles, Sergeant **Morris Cook,** ward C-2, has started a rug making project.

Employer: "Maisie, who told you that you could neglect your office work just because I give you a kiss now and then?"

Stenographer: "My attorney."

IN THE NEWS



ROBERT P. WILLIAMS
Brigadier General

On the latest list of nominations for promotion to Brigadier General is the name of Colonel Robert P. Williams, one of the senior officers of the Medical Corps in point of service.

Colonel Williams is a native of Greencastle, Indiana, and has been in the army since September 1915. He comes of a long line of army folk as his father was the late Colonel Robert C. Williams (USMA '86) and his grandfather the late Major Frederick R. Williams.

The colonel graduated from the Medical College of the University of Cincinnati in 1915 and was an honor graduate, Army Medical School in 1916. He completed the Medical Field Service School course in 1927, and graduated from the two year course at the Command and General Staff College in 1930, and graduated from the Army War College in 1935.

Colonel Williams has had foreign service in Hawaii and Alaska and in World War II was the Theater Surgeon of the China-Burma-India command. He was a member of the Stilwell Military Mission to China and was the surgeon of the mixed column of Americans, British, Chinese and Burmese led by General Stilwell on the retreat out of Burma following the disastrous 1942 campaign.

The colonel has been the Army Surgeon, 4th Army, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, since 1945.

"I understand your grandmother is the old fashioned type who still toils at the spinning wheel. Does she earn much?"

"Well, last night she won 50 on the red."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Genevieve Allain, Post Cleaners, is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles Lodge and was among the ladies who distributed cookies to the patients at Letterman recently. Genevieve is also making plans to attend the June graduation exercises to be held at Mercy High School in Berkeley. Her daughter, **Adrian,** will be a member of the graduating class.

Elizabeth Bringman of Medical Supply is currently on leave in Kansas City, Missouri.

Almeda Burns, former Lettermanite at Crissy Field, writes from Memphis, Tennessee that she is the proud mother of a baby girl, **Gayle Estill,** born this month. Her husband, **Theodore,** was an army lieutenant and assigned to the Hospital Train during his tour of duty here.

Virginia De Trana of Out Patient Service will leave for Chicago next week where she will spend three weeks leave.

'Algy" Gaffney of Civilian Personnel is entertaining her parents who are visiting her from Oregon.

Helen Lund of Payroll Section is taking a week's leave to spend with relatives visiting her from Salt Lake City.

We are glad to see **Janice Ladd** back at Letterman. She was formerly in Out Patient Service and is now with Surgical Service.

Jean Anderson, civilian nurse, handed in her resignation this week. She is contemplating a trip to Europe.

Wedding Bells

At the Chapel of Our Lady in the Presidio on Saturday morning last Lieut. Robert F. Conway, Letterman intern, and Miss Margaret Mary Nagle, of San Francisco, were joined in marriage at a Nuptial Mass offered by the Rev. Paul J. Harney, S. J., Director of the Department of Education of the University of San Francicso.

In attendance on the bride was Mrs. Nancy Lajeunesse, her sister, and the groomsman was Mr. George Nagle, brother of the bride. The parents of Lieut. Conway came out from Mankato, Minn. to witness the ceremony.

The justweds will be "At Home" at Gorgas Hospital in the Canal Zone after 15 July.

THE FOOD TASTES SO MUCH BETTER WHEN PREPARED BY ALABAMA'S BEST



Captain ETHEL L. BARNES, WMSC
Asst. Chief, Food Service Section

Just about settling down to our way of doing things on the Food Service sector is Captain Edith L. Barnes, WMSC, dietitian.

Captain Barnes is a native of Dothan, Alabama, and that makes her a fellow townsman of our genial Executive Officer, Colonel James B. Stapleton, and we like folks from Alamab'.

The captain is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Alabama, where she majored in dietetics and then served her internship at the Seaview Hospital on Staten Island in New York harbor.

She was commissioned in the Army on I November 1943 and assigned to Camp Reynolds, Penna., where she remained until May of the following year and orders for the 154th General Hospital at Swindon, England. October 1945 found her winging her way back to the mainland and to the Station Hospital at Camp Croft. In February 1946 she went to Moore General Hospital at Swananoa, N. C. for two months and then moved on to the Regional Hospital at Camp McClellan.

Overseas again in August 1946 but not so far away; only to the Antilles Department with station at Rodrigues General Hospital at Fort Brooke, San Juan, Porto Rico. In March of this year the captain reported for duty at Letterman.

Captain Barnes admitts to a genuine affection for California and San Francisco in particular. What we have to offer more than compensates for this "honey chile" being so far from her native state. In her leisure time bowling fills some of the hours and she knows she would enjoy swimming if the ocean ever warmed up enough to permit that form of exercise.

And from our angle she is a welcome addition to the Dietetics Division.

Dear Editor: "Should a father of fifty get married again?"

Dear Reader: "Our answer is 'no.' That's enough children for any man!"



13 May

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Albert D. Sheppard, Jr., a boy, **Keith Dermont.**

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Merriman H. Cannon, a boy, **Thomas Ray.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. LeRoy S. Foster, a boy, **LeRoy Stephen.**

14 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Edward E. Grapoli, a boy, **Ralph Edward.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Luther L. Brownlee, a girl, **Vader Elizabeth.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. John G. Arballo, a boy, **Robert Joe.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Irville C. Harrison, a boy, **Gerald Eugene.**

15 May

To Cpl. and Mrs. Hubert F. Woodley, a boy, **David Frank II.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles O. Clark, a boy, **Gary Dane.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Clodie R. Campbell, a boy, **Jimmie Lee.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Joseph E. Boyle, a girl, **Mary Josephine.**

16 May

To Pfc. and Mrs. Duane P. Palm, a boy, **Robert Allen.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph J. Bush, a girl, **Patricia Louise.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Henry C. Bailey, a boy. **Ronald Clifford.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. James E. Holley, a girl, **Leticia Frances.**

18 May

To Sgt. 1/cl. and Mrs. George R. Whaler, a girl, **Jacquelyn Arlene.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Stephen F. Pashilk, a boy, **John Stephen.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry L. Friend, a girl, **Yvette Gail.**

19 May

To Pfc. and Mrs. Edgar R. LaPointe, a girl, **Theresa Elizabeth.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. George Drocoaplus, a girl, **Rose Marie.**

20 May

To Sgt. 1/cl. and Mrs. Willis N. West, a girl, **Margaret Hazel.**

20 May

To Cpl. and Mrs. James A. Evans, a girl, **Patricia Ann.**

To Major and Mrs. Bruno C. DelMissier, a boy, **Michael Joseph.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Elmer B. Mudgett, Jr., a girl, **Emily Ruth.**

WAC

The Letterman Women's Softball team suffered another defeat last Friday when they traveled to Santa Clara to pit their skill against the civilian nine. The final score, 13-12, brings the total of one-run margin games up to three for this season.

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Hopes for a quick recovery from her present affliction are extended to Private **Mary Morris**, now sick in quarters.

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Sergeant First Class **Julia Brew** and Private **Lilly Roberts** are now officially on the WAC Detachment morning report. As a result of a typographical error in their orders, they heretofore have been assigned to the 6930 ASU Detachment.

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Corporal **Marilouise Damm** is leaving this week-end for Murphy General Hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts, her new station. Corporal Damm is driving back and plans to have a few days at her home in Brooklyn on a delay en route.

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Sergeant **Jane Jones**, supply sergeant, will be going to supply school at Camp Stoneman next week to get some pointers on the new supply system which is to become effective 1 July.

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Congratulations to Privates First Class **Mary Gray** and **Patricia Leedham**, who have recently been promoted to that grade.

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Sergeant **Gladys Knowles** was the recipient of a three-day pass this week. "Rest and recuperation" seemed to be on the agenda for her 72 hour vacation.

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Seen around the WAC area: The WACs showing off their sunburns —could it be that sunburns are so unusual in San Francisco? Private **Lilly Roberts** tearing up paper napkins and creating uinque designs; Sergeant**Nancy Banvard** vainly trying to keep her growing dog furnished with dog collars; WACs on the bowling team scraping enough pennies together to pay for their bowling expenses incurred the week before pay-day; some of the old-timers being withered by a glare when they erroneously address a new Private as "Recruit."

MORE ABOUT THE MAN WHO TOOK THE $500—AND WHAT HE DID WITH IT



Master Sergeant GEORGE L. TURNER
Master builder and all-round putterer, tinker and handy man.

This is the second chapter in a story of ingenuity and determination which starts on page two; the story of a man and his house. This is about the man.

Master Sergeant George L. Turner, the easy-talking topkick of the Turner platoon, has been in the Army since January, 1940, when he shifted over from the National Guard at the outset of the national emergency.

He came to Letterman in July, 1947, in the latest phase of a travel-spiced Army career at various posts in the United States and overseas, including Saipan, Okinawa and Korea. He went into Korea with liberation forces.

Sgt. Turner entered the regular Army as a buck sergeant in the coast artillery at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, and was transferred, as a first sergeant, to the 97th General Hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in July, 1943. He later was shifted to artillery at the same post.

Overseas from April, 1945, to January, 1946, Sgt. Turner was first sergeant of headquarters and headquarters company, division artillery, with the Seventh division.

After his return to the states and subsequent re-enlistment, he was assigned to Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, as first sergeant of the headquarters medical training center. From there he went to Pratt General Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida, as medical detachment first sergeant. He was assigned here from Pratt.

The affable sergeant, now with mess supply in charge of maintenance of hospital fund property, was first assigned to the clearance office. He has been on his present job for seven months.

Sgt. Turner is a native of Washington, D. C., but he was working in Greenville, South Carloina, when he entered the Army with the Guard.

He likes Letterman and his present assignment and particularly T-1149, quarters for what he calls his "platoon," Mrs. Turner and Lewis, 10, Linda, 7, and William 3.

As a hobbyist, he is a model builder, specializing in replicas of horse-drawn wagons, surreys and coaches. He has 11 such models and two models of racing sailboats.

All that—and a complete new interior for a home.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Jack Lewyn

Overseas alerts have been posted at the detachment for 14 men, including Sergeant **William Allen**, Sergeant **Charles Blair**, Sergeant **John L. Fuller**, Private **Daniel R. Narrow**, Recruit **John F. Taylor**, Sergeant **Stephen E. Nieto**, Corporal **Frank Corpe**, Corporal **Leonard Ledbetter**, Sergeant **Melvin C. Sutton**, Private First Class **Max E. Redmond**, Private First Class **Carlos Torres**, Private First Class **Richard Mills**, Recruit **Harry Hibbs** and Sergeant First Class **William C. Asbury.**

Seven men have been transferred to McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California. The list includes Corporal **J. W. Carter**, Corporal **Earl W. Seaman**, Corporal **Pharence A. McFarland, Jr.**, Corporal **Robert W. Benjamin**, Private First Class **Clyde A. White**, Private First Class **Roger H. Hotelling** and Private First Class **Egbert J. Tallon.**

Off on furloughs or re-enlistment leaves are Corporal **George D. Norris**, Private **Sylvester Griffin**, Sergeant **Edward E. Grapoli** and Sergeant First Class **Manuel P. Bernardo.** Cpl. Norris, 6930, has taken a 15-day furlough, and Pvt. Griffin is spending a 30-day furlough in Missouri. Sgt. Grapoli is on a 10-day furlough, and Pfc. Bernardo has gone to New York on a 30-day re-enlistment leave.

Corporal **Tom Nilon**, home on a 30-day re-up vacation, is due back about 1 June.

Two MPs, Master Sergeant **Russell Downs** and Sergeant First Class **Louis D. Stewart**, have re-enlisted for indifinite periods. Sergeant First Class **William C. Asbury has** re-upped under similar terms.

Other re-enlistments reported this week include Corporal **Charles Wagner**, Corporal **Roscoe C. Beck**, Private First Class **Levert Bolton**, and Private First Class **William B. Washington**, all for three years.

Corporal **John T. Imms**, Troop I & E orientation staffer, has re-enlisted for another three years.

Private **Dean M. Mikesell**, a fleet basketball player who's no slouch as a baseball pitcher, has turned his interest toward the volleyball team down Crissy way.

No Pay Hike

The bill to increase the pay of the officers of the army, after unanimous approval by the Armed Services Committee of the House, was defeated on the floor when the measure came up for consideration with a vote of 227 to 163 against the increase.

In parliamentary procedure the bill was returned to committee for further "study" which may take a lot of time. On Friday morning Mr. Vinson, chairman of the Armed Services committee, announced that a substitute bill would be presented within the next two weeks in which there would be a tapering off in the proposed increase in some instances.

A phone report from the Pentagon—not official—expressed the belief the cut would come in the grades of colonel and lieutenant colonel while increasing the boost for the lower enlisted grades.

Unification?

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson has announced the establishment of a "Medical Services Division" of the National Military Establishments which would have control of general policies and standards for the medical services of the three components.

At the same time he announced the setting up of a Medical Department in the Air Force to be headed by Maj. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, present Air Surgeon. He said authority would be issued for the transfer to the Air Force of 100 medical officers from the Army and 100 from the Navy.

The Army would continue to administer the General Hospitals.

Free Forward Felines For Further Frolics

Springfield, Ill. (AFPS) — Delinquency among cats in the State of Illinois shall not be curbed.

This is the opinion of Governor Adlai Stevenson, who recently vetoed a measure which would have made the owners of delinquent felines pay $1 for their pets' return from official custody.

The measure made the owners of local cats "howling" mad, with the Governor's veto resulting. Cats may continue to go to the dogs—or elsewhere. It is the law.

Reel Reel Story

Sydney, Australia (AFPS)—An octopus, cuddling a full bottle of gin, was recently reeled in by two fishermen at Pittwater. You guessed it. The octopus was thrown back.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

A course in citizenship and the fundamentals of democracy will be added to the Armed Forces basic training program next fall.

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New Regulations governing length of overseas duty tours is before NME officials for final approval. Policy will be to assign men overseas who have had little or no foreign service.

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The House has passed the new uniform justice code, applicable to all Armed Services, and providing for a civilian Court of Military Appeals. The measure is now before the Senate.

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The Air Force's new Reserve training program will increase the number of individuals in training from 42,000 to 135,000 and triple the number eligible for training pay, now 25,000.

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The first all-Marine parade in 25 years will be staged in Washington June 11 when the Fourth Marine Division holds its annual reunion.

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The Air Force acquired its first five-star General when President Truman recently signed the bill conferring the title of "General of the Air Force," on Gen. H. H. Arnold, wartime Army Air Force Commander.

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Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, has approved a design for silver-colored cap visor embroidery to be worn by Air Force general officers.

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The House Armed Services Committee is considering legislation authorizing construction of two experimental submarines to cost approximately $41 million.

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The Army and Air Force have published Regulations prohibiting the taking of "polls," straw votes or opinion surveys among their members unless specifically authorized by the Army or Air Force.

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World-wide examinations to select candidates for the Navy and Marine Corps Academy and College, Preparatory at Bainbridge, Md., will be held July 20.

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Army Special Regulations in preparation will provide that separated officers or warrant officers are not eligible for enlistment in grade one, solely on the basis of commissioned active duty status on March 22, 1948, unless enlisting on the day following separation. This provision will not affect the eligibility of former officers holding permanent grade one warrants, to revert to grade one enlisted status.

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The Navy has requested legislation authorizing appointment of officers for special duty as law officers, who will be needed when the uniform justice code is enacted.

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Defense Secretary Louis Johnson has approved a plan for coordinating mapping, charting and related activities of all Armed Services under jurisdiction of a Photographic and Survey Section of the Joint Intelligence Group.

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Regular Navy Supply Corps officers, ensign through lieutenant commander, are eligible to attend the next session of the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute, Chicago, opening August 15.

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The Marine Corps on June 1, will begin distribution of the Navy Occupation Service Medal to Corps members and former and Reserve members attached to or serving with Naval units occupying enemy territory in World War II.

Armed Forces Radio Gets 2 First Awards

Columbus, Ohio (AFPS)—Armed Forces Radio Service has received first awards for two of its educational radio programs broadcast in recent weeks over 59 of its overseas radio stations.

The transcribed "Pride of Service" series and another group of broadcasts on "Fellowship," took top honors at the 13th American Exhibition for Education by Radio, Ohio State University. Both award-winning programs were planned and produced by the Armed Forces Information and Education Div., OSD.

No Dog Bets Here!

Concord, N. H. (AFPS)—The New Hampshire House killed by an overwhelming majority vote a proposal to legalize parimutuel betting on dog races. Evidently the Granite State can not see "going to the dogs."

During peacetime, protecting life and property of citizens is one of the Armed Forces' important missions.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans planning to take summer courses under the GI Bill should be sure their eligibility is currently effective, Manager R. P. Shields of the San Francisco Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, said today.

Those who plan to use their benefit for the first time should apply as soon as possible for a certificate of eligibility if one is not already at hand. If the certificate at hand was issued before September 1, 1948, it should be taken to the nearest VA office and a new-type certificate applied for.

Maximum subsistence allowance for veterans with wives or children may be had only when certified copies of marriage or birth certificates are on file with the VA. It is the responsibiilty of veterans to make sure such papers are in order, and will save delay in receiving raximum subsistence checks. Payment of the added subsistence for dependents may not be made prior to the time such documents are received by the VA.

Veterans who are planning to change schools will need a supplementary certificate of eligibility, and are advised to apply at once for this in order to save delay in entering the new school. Those planning to continue in their present schools for the summer session need only notify the school, provided they have suffcient eligibility with which to continue schooling.

Question: I am considered totally disabled for insurance purposes but receive only 20 per cent for disability compensation payments. Can my award be increased?

Answer: Your award can be increased only if the service-connected disability is shown to have increased in severity. For insurance purposes, there may be other disabilities, not service-connected, which, when combined with your service-connected condition, produce total disability.

Question: Must all my evidence to reopen my claim before VA be notarized?

Answer: Yes, if it is submitted on the subject of service-connection. Statements from physicians, submitted for the purpose of determining whether a physical examination should be requested, need not be notarized.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Mrs. Thompson,, Exchange Manaiger, Resigns Positioni

Mrs. Alice H. Thompson,, who has been manager of the LLetterman main branch of the Bay . Area Exchange for almost four yeears, has tendered her resignation and will leave here on Monday of neext week.

Mrs. Thompson is a nnative of Marblehead, Massachusettts, and came out to San Francisco i some 16 years ago on a visit. She l liked the city so well that she madde it her home and has resided heere ever since.

It was early in Novembber 1942 that she first joined the staaff of the Letterman Exchange and wwas soon a favorite with the patientss passing through here en route to eastern hospitals. Her fan mail in those days was almost as great as any of the movie stars and the men who met her—she called them "boys"—kept up a steady correspondence long after they had left Letterman. They came back with their wives and children to meet "Mom" again, and even at this late date she will receive a card or note from some young veteran whom she befriended during his first days on the mainland from the battle areas of the Pacific.

All during her tenure as manager Mrs. Thompson has enjoyed the confidence and respect of the staff and has endeared herself to all patients by her willingness to be of service to them. When the Letterman Exchange lost its autonomy and merged with the present Army Exchange Service she firmlly held out for a just share of available merchandise for the patientts who were not in condition to shop around for articles in short supply everywhere. It did not always meet with the approval of the new supervisory group but Lettermam Main continued to have stocks on hand.

On more than one occasion her persistence prompted the supervisory group to consider her replacement with some one more amenable and less devoted to Letterman's interests, but a test of public and official opinion indicated a change was definitely out of order. Mrs. Thompson had staunch friends in Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, who commanded here from 1942 to 1944, Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, who held command from 1944 to 1946, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, who headed the hospital from 1946 to 1948, and in the present commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, who assumed command in September of last year.

On retirement Mrs. Thompson will make her home in Fresno where Mr. Thompson is engaged in business but first there will be a motor trip across the continent to visit in the east before settling down to manage her own household.

The host of friends she made at Letterman regret her departure but she will always be welcome back to the command where she has done so much to enhance our reputation among the patients who have passed through our portals.



Mrs. ALICE H. THOMPSON
PX Manager who resigned her post after four years.

New Procedure in Effect for Use of Arts & Skills Here

The place of Arts and Skills in the Letterman program for the care and treatment of patients was clarified last week at a conference between the Commanding General and the Field Director of the American Red Cross here in which definite duties were assigned to the gracious volunteers who make up the corps of Arts and Skills workers. A numbered memorandum has been published for the command outlining the procedure to be followed in obtaining the services of the Arts and Skills group.

Arts and Skills Service include instruction by volunteer workers in the crafts suitable for bed patients and will be available on all wards except contagious, obstetrical and prison wards. All patients on Ward S-1 will be assisted by Arts and Skills on the request of the Chief of the N-P Service.

Crafts include weaving, cord craft, leather, fly tying, felt and yarn toys, copper tooling, block printing, stenciling, jewelry work, and finger painting.

Under the revised memorandum patients may apply directly to the Arts and Skills worker for instruction, or the patient may apply through the ward officer or nurse in charge, or the ward officer or the nurse in charge may apply directly to Arts and Skills for assistance to patients.

Simplification of procedure as outlined in the memorandum will greatly enhance the contentment of bed patients by these forms of diversion and the Red Cross has agreed to furnish as many Arts and Skills volunteers as may be necessary to meet the needs of the patients for this activity.

The Kate Smith Class Well Represented at Letterman

One of the features connected with the celebration of the 48th anniversary of organization of the Army Nurse Corps on 2 February of this year was the culmination of an intensive procurement program for nurses. Miss Kate Smith, well known radio star and an honorary lieutenant colonel in the Corps, has played a prominent part in the project to procure candidates for commission and it was fitting that she preside at a nationwide radio ceremony in which 48 nurses were inducted into the army as representatives of each of the 48 states of the union.

At a radio station in each state of the network the local candidate for appointment took the oath of office simultaneously as administered by an adjutant, with Kate Smith heading the program from the New York station.

The new officer nurses were directed to procede to the Medical Field Service School at Brooke Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for basic training and the class was designated "The Kate Smith Class." On completion of the basic course the nurses were assigned to hospitals throughout the country.

Ten of the class were ordered to Letterman and reported here for duty on 13 May. They are:

2nd Lieutenant Joan D. Archer, who was born in Boise, Idaho, and still calls that city her home town. She completed the course at the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Spokane, Washington, and was specializing in pediatric nursing when accepted for extended active duty in the Reserve Corps.

2nd Lieutenant Maxine Baird, born in Wisdom, Montana, and calling Salt Lake City home at present, is a graduate of the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing at Portland, Oregon, and took a post graduate course in communicable diseases at the San Bernardino County Hospital before entering on extended active duty with the ANC Reserve.

2nd Lieutenant Margaret M. Conroy, native of Philadelphia and still a resident of the City of Brotherly Love, is a graduate of the St. Agnes Hospital School of Nursing, of Philadelphia. She has been on extended active duty since 1 March 1949.

2nd Lieutenant Margaret G. Gibson, born in Newport Springs, Florida, and claiming Greenville, Alabama, as home, is a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing at Birmingham, Alabama. She is on extended active duty for a period of three years.



THE KATE SMITH CLASS

Our share of the 48 nurses recruited in honor of the 48th anniversary of the organization of the ANC. Left to right —1st Lt. Lyda M. McLean, 2nd Lt. Mary L. Pacific, 2nd Lt. Wanda M. King, 2nd Lt. Joan D. Archer. Second row —2nd Lt. Margaret M. Conway, 2nd Lt. Mary H. Koenig, 2nd Lt. Maxine Baird. Back row—2nd Lt. Wilma P. Mercer, 2nd Lt. Margaret G. Gibson, 2nd Lt. Clara A. Peckens.

2nd Lieutenant Wanda M. King, born in Oklahoma City, but now a resident of Houston, Texas, spent two years at the University of Texas before entering training at Herman Hospital School of Nursing in Houston. Her extended active duty is for one year.

2nd Lieutenant Mary H. Koenig, was born in Everett, Washigton, and it is still home to her. She is a graduate of the Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Everett and has signed up for two years of extended active duty.

1st Lieutenant Lyda M. McLean, born in Bessemer, Alabama, and maintaining residence there, is a graduate of the South Highlands Infirmary School of Nursing in Birmingham. Her commission in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve calls for three years of extended active duty.

2nd Lieutenant Wilma P. Mercer, of Eubank, Kentucky, was introduced to our readers in a featured article shortly after her arrival at Letterman. She is a graduate of the Indianapolis General Hospital School of Nursing and was on the staff there prior to entering on a two year tour of extended active duty.

2nd Lieutenant Mary L. Pacific is a native daughter of the Golden State, born in Los Angeles but a Texan by adoption and calling Bellaire, Texas, her home. Prior to leaving California she was a student at Woodbury College in Los Angeles, and then transferred to the University of Texas. Her professional training was taken at the John Seely College of Nursing of the Medical School of the University of Texas. Her tour of extended active duty is one year.

2nd Lieutenant Clara A. Peckens, born in Cohoctah, Michigan, and now giving Howell, in the same state, as permanent address of record, took a course in science at the University of Michigan, switched over to Michigan State at Lansing, and settled down at the Pensacola Hospital School of Nursing where she was graduated in 1947. She followed that with a special course in psychiatric nursing at the Veterans Hospital, Fort Custer, Michigan, and came into the army for a one year tour of extended active duty on 1 March 1949.

Combined Forces Of Armed Services Show Slight Drop

Washington (AFPS)—The combined strength of the Armed Forces on April 30, 1949, was 1,626,000, indicating a drop of 20,700 over the figures of March 31, 1949.

The current strength report (estimated on preliminary reports to the National Military Establishment) reveal that the Air Force was the only service to show an increase, rising from 417,000 on March 31 to 418,000 on April 30. Army strength on April 30 was 671,700, a drop of 19,800 from March 31; the Navy dropped from 450,300 on March 31 to 448,700 on April 30, a decrease of 1,600, and the Marine Corps decreased 300 from 87,900 on March 31 to 87,600 on April 30.

These strength figures represent total full-time military personnel, comprising both Regulars and Reserves on full-time active duty, and include 18-year-old one year enlistees under the Selective Service Act of 1948, cadets and midshipmen of the Military and Naval Academies, and other personnel in full-time training.

Estimated total recruitment by the Armed Forces during the month of April was 26,138, which was 3,450 less than during March. One-year enlistments under Selective Service dropped to 1,451, approximately 980 under the March figure.

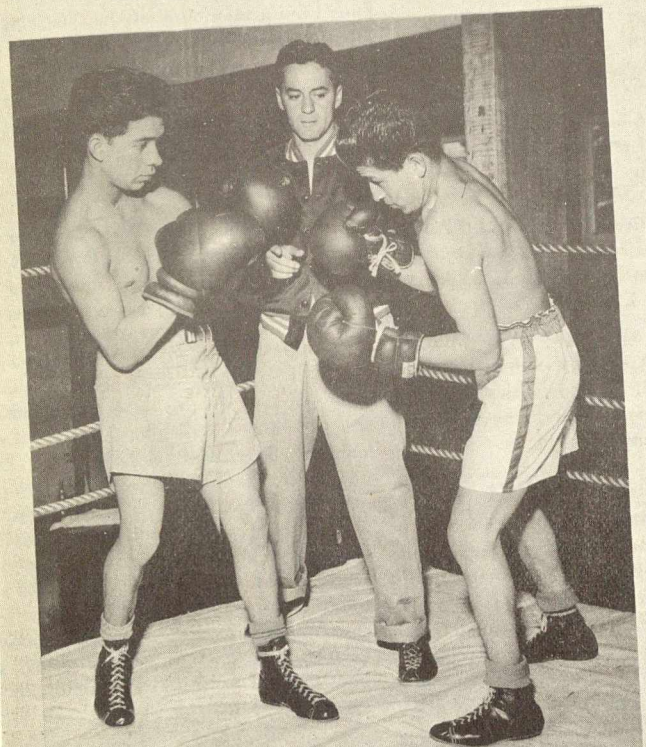
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



HENRY KING AND HIS BAND
Who graciously played a program for the patients in the Rec. Center last week.



JULIE WILSON
Who came out from the Mark Hopkins Hotel with Henry King's band.



LOCAL MITTMEN
L to R -- Pvt. Manuel Landeros, Cpl. Pasquale Nappi (referee)) and Pvt. Celestino Gomez in a friendly bout.



THE PIPERS
Band of the 2nd Infantry Division. The "Kilties"--all American --put on a concert in the patio recently.

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EDITORIAL

HISTORY

Before us is a newspaper yellowed slightly by the wear of time. Its face reflects the excitement, uncertainty and weariness of a grave, eventful year—1944—and one particular day, D-Day.

The headlines, softened now like words whispered from the past, screamed then from the throats of now-adult newsboys who hustled to awaken America. This was no false flash, like the one a few days before. This was it, the beginning of the end.

"Allies Plunge Into France. 11,000 Planes Batter Nazis."

Up front, men were dying by the minute with history's greatest invasion armada, launched to doom oppression and tyranny. Back home, tension unleashed vibrated city and hamlet alike. Few could escape the stark reality that death was the blocking back for the run of Peace in most crucial of contests.

Five years ago Monday were these facts written across the pages of history, succeeded later by V-E and V-J days, respectively.

How far away those days seem to many now; how near to others.



First Lieutenant **Beatrice A. Hayward,** ANC, and Major **Theodore R. Westfall** were married in the Presidio Post Chapel at 1600 Monday by Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) **Charles E. Brown.** The bride, wearing a biege suit, carried a white prayer book and an orchid bouquet with Lillies of the Valley streamers. She was attended by Captain **Areline Burkhead** ANC, maid of honor. A reception for more than 50 guests followed in the recreation hall of the nurses quarters.

The list of new arrivals to the nurse corps at Letterman this week includes Captain **Virginia M. Gillespie,** ANC, who transferred from Munich; First Lieutenant **Orlola E. Buckner,** ANC, recalled to active duty; First Lieutenant **Estelle V. Tamalis,** ANC, assigned from Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, and First Lieutenant **Mary P. Hamrick,** ANC, transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California.

A week end at Carmel, California, was spent by First Lieutenants **Jessie C. Morgan,** ANC. **Helen A. McCloskey,** ANC, **Gloria E. Saffield,** and **Marguerite M. Loetsch,** ANC.

Other week end journeys were taken by Captain **Lourine Patterson,** ANC, to Visalia, California; First Lieutenant **Delzena Garrard,** ANC, to Yosemite National Park, and First Lieutenant **Helen V. Willison,** to Merced, California.

A new OT on the Letterman staff is Second Lieutenant **Avis Redfield,** WMSC, who was transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, Wednesday.

Second Lieutenant **Barbara Stockholm,** WMSC, of OT took a three-day pass recently to visit in Fresno, California.

Major **Alvine L. Schmidt,** ANC, is taking a 30-day leave to visit in Billings, Montana and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and First Lieutenant **Mary A. O'Halloran** has taken 30 days to visit in New York City. During a 21-day leave, Captain **Hazel Belsit** will visit her home in Arroya Grande, California.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Miss **Esther Grobler,** personable young lady in civilian personnel, figuring out how long before she can get civil service retirement. Something like 23 years.

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Our indefatigable I. G., Lt. Colonel **William L. Beswick** wrapping this one around his tongue and wondering: Quote—The satisfactory performance of one's duty is in direct proportion to that individual's ability to work harmoniously with those placed in authority over him—unquote. Who said that?

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Two war time former chaplains back here for a visit with old acquaintances: Chaplain **Claude V. Dameron** coming all the way from Kansas City, and Chaplain **Herman N. Benner** from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Both are in attendance at the Northern Baptist Conference in session in San Francisco.

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Brigadier General **Bradford G. Chynoweth,** retired, and Brigadier General **Walter A. Dumas,** retired, and both former patients, ambling along the ramp and exchanging greetings with some of our old stand bys.

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Mr. **Frederic F. Amandes,** post architect, conducting contractors on a tour of the new theater building.

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Major **Elizabeth "Tib" Barrett** conducting a party of five to a prevue of "The Home of the Brave"—a good movie soon to be shown in San Francisco.

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Summer serge seeming to grow in popularity for uniform wear.

Ralph Tourte, veteran patient on O-2, loaning his table type television receiver to Captain Sam Wyse, quarantined with a childhood malady.

To St. Louis

During the past week three of the officers affiliated with the training program at Letterman shifted the base of operations to St. Louis for further training.

Lt. Colonel Albert W. Shiflet will be a student at the University of St. Louis School of Medicine in orthopedics, while Major Hal B. Jennings and Capt. James L. Schricker will attend the Washington University School of Medicine for further study in their respective specialties, plastic surgery and neurosurgery.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, 5 June 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Chaplain Gerhart Back Here on TDY

With us for 15 days of temporary duty on a training status is Chaplain (Major) Joseph L. Gerhart, on the staff of the 352nd General Hospital-Reserve.

Chaplain Gerhart was stationed at Letterman from July 1945 to October 1946 and is favorably remembered by some of the old timers around here. Since his separation from the service on active duty he has been a member of the Chaplains Reserve and is happy to be back here for his training period.

The 352nd General Hospital unit will report for training on Sunday, 5 June.

Fast Flight

Barbara Berry, infant daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. George R. Berry, AF, was flown in from Tokyo and arrived at Letterman on Tuesday morning for treatment for a tumor of the spinal cord. Barbara was just one day old when she began the flight to the mainland where facilities are greater for treatment in cases such as hers.

Back in March we received here and infant of equal age when Cindy Lou Grisham was brought in from Tokyo by her father, Lieutenant David Grisham, AF, and Cindy Lou suffered from the same condition. A delicate surgical operation was successful and Cindy Lou subsequently returned to her family in Tokyo.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LILLY C. ROBERTS
Privatte

When Private Lillyy C. Roberts enlisted in the WAC, itt perhaps was a little more than deestiny that she was assigned to the medical corps. Private Roberts had completed more than a year and a half of nurses training.

She had become aa cadet nurse under the governmemt's war-time training program, she said, because she wanted to help im the war effort but found herself too young to enlist elsewhere. She was then 17 years old.

Born on Armistice Daay in 1927 at Ray, Arizona, she graduated from Tolleson Union High School at Tolleson, Arizona, and enlissted in the WAC 13 December 1948 at Phoenix, Arizona, now her homettown.

After basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, she was sent to medical technicians school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for eight weeks. She was assigned to Lettermain a month ago, and now works on wæard G-2.

As a cadet nurse, Privatte Roberts trained at St. Monica's hiospital in Phoenix. She later worked as a clerk in the office of a grammerr school.

Sports-minded, with a pparticular interest in softball, she wwas mustered to pitching duty for tthe WAC softball team shortly after her arrival. She won a loving cup for softball in high school, whhere she also was active in basketbball and swimming—but not bowling, then or now.

Private Roberts' first effffort at bowling was her last, she saiiid, noting the incident which discouuraged further participation in the sport. When she tossed her first balall, she recounted, her fingers got stuuck—and she went with it. That,t, she added, ended any bowling careeer.

Her Army career, however,r, will continue for a number of yeæars—six, to be exact. She originallyly enlisted for two years, but laterr reupped for a total of six.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Jack Lewyn

Here's a novel entertainment feature scheduled on the card of events for Letterman patients.

A Puppy Show, sponsored by the Golden Gate Dachshund club and including entries from throughout this area of California will be held Sunday on the parade grounds near the East Hospital. The show will begin at 1200 and continue until 1700.

Eleven classes will be open to puppies between the ages of one and 12 months. It is expected that more than 100 puppies will be judged during the five-hour competition.

To seat witnesses to the show, bleachers will be erected on the site by Special Services. During the show, two Dachshund puppies and a Great Dane puppy will be given away.

Twenty-six trophies will be awarded to winners in the various divisions. Classes will include one for puppies two months old and under; from two to three months; three to four; four to five; five to six; six to eight; eight to ten, and ten to 12. Puppies up to six months old will be classed "junior" entries, and others, "senior."

Winners in the junior and senior classes will vie finally for the title of best puppy in the show.

Any cowboy and hobby-horse minded youngster probably would beam with pride to wear the hand-tool stamped gun holster being made by Sergeant **Robert C. Mount,** ward M-2, as a project in occupational therapy. Many a pistol-minded grown man would like to have it, too.

Buddies see that Private **Pierce Parson,** a member of the medical detachment, is a patient on ward N-2. Another detach member, Private **Erury G. Morris,** has been admitted to the hospital and assigned to ward M-2.

Crowds are readily available for coffee time at the recreation hall on Tuesdays, Thursday and Sundays, and patients and duty personnel alike make a quick buck now and then by providing correct answers on the USAFI Quiz program. Among recent winners were Private **William O'Donnell,** ward 30; Private First Class **John Upton,** ward 40; **George M. Graham,** a veteran of ward K-3, and Private **Frank A. Cordova,** ward 28.

Still following each other around this week were two long-time friends, Air Force Sergeant **John A. Bilotta** and AF Private First Class **John T. O'Brien.** It took hospitalization at Letterman to reunite the two friends, who grew up in the same neighborhood and then lost contact when they enlisted.

Bilotta and O'Brien lived within three blocks of each other in East Providence, Rhode Island, and went to the same grammer and junior high schools, Grove Avenue and East Providence Central, respectively.

Bilotta quit school after junior high, worked for a while and then joined the Air Force. O'Brien went on to finish high school, graduated in May, 1948, and enlisted 13 August 1948. Both boys are 19, both took basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and both had "trick knees" aggravated by injuries suffered while playing baseball at different places.

Bilotta and O'Brien had lost contact with each other after Bilotta enlisted, and they heard little word until a day on ward 29 when one recognized the other.

"Bilotta," called O'Brien, still not sure he had recognized his friend. It registered. Reunion followed.

From ward 29, the friends were transferred to ward D-1 and assigned to beds side by side. They were X-rayed the same day and both underwent operations on the same day. Bilotta first and then O'Brien. After recuperating, both went back to ward 29, and this week they were transferred to ward 2, awaiting discharge from the hospital.

Bilotta is stationed at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona and O'Brien is assigned to Hamilton Field.

Not easily discouraged is Sergeant **William R. Ford,** ward B-2. On a deep sea fishing trip last week, he caught nothing. He went back again this week, determined, at least, to keep the dwellers of the deep scurrying.

ON THE SPOT



CLIFFORD S. LEWIS
Private First Class

Joining the exodus from Letterman via the discharge channel 30 June will be Private First Class Clifford S. Lewis, who completes another year of service and retires to the reserve.

Pfc. Lewis, a familiar figure around the administration building where he works for custodial service, plans to return home to Sacatone, Arizona, to re-enter school.

An American Indian, Lewis is a member of the Pima tribe inhabiting the reservation at Sacatone.

He enlisted in the Army 20 July 1944 when he was 18 years old and took basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas. After basic, he shipped to the 7th Cavalry Division and went overseas to the Philippines. Later he went to Tokyo.

After a year and a half overseas, Pfc. Lewis was shipped back to the United States in July, 1946, and was discharged 8 August 1946.

He returned to Sacatone where he attended school under the GI Bill of Rights before re-enlisting for another year in July, 1948. He came directly to Letterman, and has been stationed here since with custodial service.

Cliff, now 23, is interested in studying clerical work. He says he probably will go to work at the school after he completes his next phase of study.

He says he has another year or more to serve in the enlisted reserve.

His principal sports interest is baseball, but he devotes considerable of his off-duty hours enjoying his radio-record combination set in the barracks. Early to bed and early to rise highlights his daily schedule.

Cliff says he doesn't recall whether he holds any position of importance with the Pima, and he dismisses inquiries without concern.

CIVIL CIRCLES

The Memorial Day holiday found Gilbert Grady, of the finance office, at Lake Yosemite in Merced, industriously investigating the intricate mechanism of his brand new speedboat. Though Bill O'Brien, Records Administrator and Wallace Robbie, of Microfilming, were not as energetic, they enjoyed their holiday at Boulder Creek by attending a colorful parade and a horse show which boasted of many magnificent Arabian steeds.

Jeanne Schwab, of the PX, made the most of a sunny Memorial Day by picnicking in the beautiful Berkeley Hills, and Mrs. Eve Guth, Medical Secretary on ward K-1, traveled to Sacramento to visit her daughter who teaches high school there.

Becky Garcia of the Chaplain's office, had her first glimpse of a Southern City in California known as Los Angeles last week-end. She motored down with husband Ray and friends for the holiday.

Leaving the Dental Service to go into private practice in Gilroy is Dr. Hyman Zietlan who resigned last week after six months at Letterman. Glenray Blaskowski, Adjutant's office, has also resigned and will now call Seattle, Washington home.

Ann Clark, secretary in ENT Section returned Monday after a glorious nine days spent at the Russian River. Headquarters were at the Guerniwood Tavern, and her time was spent boating, fishing, hiking and over-indulging in delicious food.

Two weeks vacation will begin on Monday for Audrey Mathis of the Hobby Shop. She will spend her time entertaining her parents who have come from Iowa to visit her.

Ted Cox, Orthopedic Shoe Section, and wife, are vacationing for two weeks in El Cajon visiting relatives, and Ellen Bauer, hygienist in the Dental Annex, left via airplane for Arizona on a month's vacation visiting with her sister and family.

Spending a few days with her mother here in San Francisco is Ruth Callman of the Legal Office. Mrs. Callman will soon be flying to Palestine to meet her husband, Dr. Callman.

The Army deployed 90 full Divisions on ten battle fronts during World War II.

LIEUT HARLLEE, I & E CHIEF, LEAVES LETTERMAN FOR NEW OVERSEAS POST



Lieut. FRANCES E. HARLLEE
Who leaves for a station in the European Theater.

First Lieutenant Frances E. Harllee, chief of Educational Reconditioning at Letterman since 1 August 1946, will depart Monday to begin a 30-day leave before reporting to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, for shipment overseas.

Lieut. Harllee, who had just found a more or less permanent residence in San Francisco when she received transfer orders, will spend her leave visiting in Dallas, Texas, her hometown.

She joined the WAC 1 February 1943 and overseas duty had always been her major objective until she developed a real affection for San Francisco and the West Coast.

Before Lieut. Harllee joined the Army, she did personnel work and training for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas. Once a WAC, she spent ten months as an enlisted woman at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and then went to Officers Candidate School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

After a tour of recruiting duty for the WAC in North and South Carolina, she was stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, for a year, and transferred to an assignment at Camp Blanding, Florida.

Later, she went to Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Florida, where she was company commander of a WAC company. When Welch closed, she came to Letterman.

Her arrival in San Francisco started her on an almost continuous house and apartment hunting campaign, and the house she finally found must be surrendered. She once resided in an apartment with a group of WAVES, WACs and ex-WAVES in a "House With a View" on California street.

Although her housing problems have been solved, Lieut. Harllee is still looking, this time for a buyer for her automobile.

Exploring San Francisco and the West Coast was one of her favorite pastimes. Golf has replaced tennis as her favorite sport. She liked her work in Educational Reconditioning.



20 May

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Delbert Elliott, a boy, **Douglas Paul.**

22 May

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank Albert Mezur, a girl, **Katherine Marie.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George W. Johnson, a boy, **William Richard.**

23 May

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Joseph G. Rock, a boy, **Michael John.**

To Major and Mrs. Richard C. Biggs, a boy, **Richard Kirby.**

24 May

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John F. Slocumb, a girl, **Patricia Nanette.**

To Corporal and Mrs. John A. Swiney, a girl, **Judith Ann.**

25 May

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James H. Yarborough, a boy, **Marvin Paul.**

26 May

To Captain and Mrs. Randall D. Morris, a boy, **Randall Clark.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. William J. Rupnow, Sr., a boy, **William James, Jr.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Frank G. Cornell, a boy, **Steven Franklin.**

Civilian Doctors Used in Emergency

Washington (AFPS) — Because of an acute shortage of medical officers in the Air Force, dependents of AF personnel may call in civilian doctors to treat them at AF hospitals whenever the military doctors are unable to handle the case. The emergency measure was authorized by Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, AF Chief of Staff.

The civilian doctors would be paid by the individual treated, by a locally organized and supported Dependent Medical Care Association, or through a recognized Civilian Medical Service organizations. However, AF spokesmen said that AF installations located near military General Hospitals would continue to utilize USAF medical personnel and facilities whenever possible.

Urges Reserve Medicos Take Short Duty Tours

Washington (AFPS) — Army Reserve Officers in the Medical, Dental and Veterinary Corps, can help relieve the Army's critical shortage of professional personnel by volunteering for short periods of active service, ranging from one day to 29 days a month, Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, the Army Surgeon General, has anounced.

WAC

The long week-end which included Memorial Day was utilized by many of the detachment members to catch up some sleep, however, some WACs managed to find some recreation, despite the fact that holiday immediately preceded pay-day.

First Sergeant **Opal Glenn** and Sergeant First Class **Margaret Dresher** and their husbands went to Hopeland, California, for a little camping and fishing. The fishing? ? Well, they caught one, anyway.

Several of the WACs attended the Letterman CO club picnic held at the Marin Town and Country Club. Diversified activities such as swimming, softball, dancing and eating were thoroughly enjoyed by those participating.

Captain **Charlotte Woodworth** and First Lieutenant **Frances Harllee** travelled to Oregon and back over the week-end. Heavy traffic and the temptation for Captain Woodworth to bring back another puppy were the only hazards encountered.

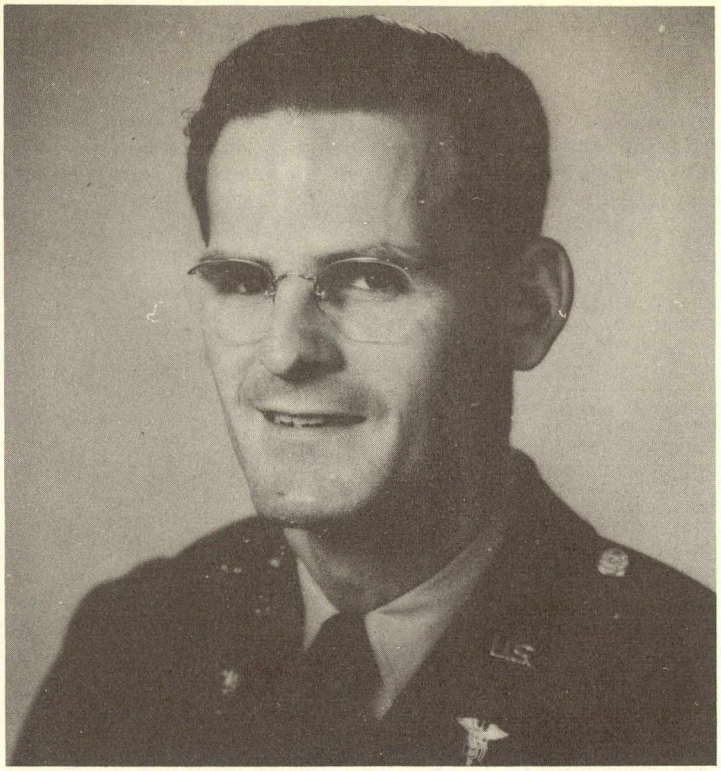
Two detachment members are currently hospitalized. Sergeant **Loie Silsby** is a patient on ward N-1, and Corporal **Emma Ghormley** is now on the morning report of Ward O-1.

Private First Class**Patricia Leedham** is on her way to Oregon for a six day leave. She is planning on spending most of her time with family and friends there.

Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** is deep in the throes of packing and unpacking these days. Upon her return from leave recently, Sergeant Davis received word that she is to report to Camp Stoneman 23 June for shipment to the Far East—dust off that suitcase again.

Seen around the WAC Area: The WACs industriously figuring out just how much this new clothing allowance is going to help (or hinder) their financial status; everyone making a quick check for the pending spot check; the "white collar" workers coming home from work with that harried look after struggling with inventories and monthly reports; ward and clinic workers reading the latest advertisements of remedies promising relief for aching feet; that happy grin which every WAC bestows on her comrades after passing through pay-line.

THE SON OF AN OLD SOLDIER TAKES UP WHERE DAD LEFT OFF ON ARMY CAREER



Lieut. LLOYD W. DEZARN, MSC
Acting Chief of Convalescent Services.

A man with many jobs is First Lieutenant Lloyd W. Dezarn, soldier member of a soldier's family. The assistant chief of Troop I. & E. is now acting chief of convalescent services in the absence of First Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, who is attending school at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Born and reared in Sturgis, South Dakota, Lieut. Dezarn attended Huron College, Huron, South Dakota, and entered the Army in November, 1942, through selective service.

After basic training at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, he began a tour of duty which took him to ASTP cadre duty at the University of Nebraska and the University of Minnesota. He later was sent to Fort Custer, Michigan, as an MP instructor, and transferred to advanced Army administration school at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Lieut. Dezarn was first sergeant of a surplus detachment at Camp Butner, North Carolina, when he entered OCS for medical administration at Camp Barkley, Texas. He was commissioned in December, 1944.

As a second lieutenant, he went to the Army Convalescent Hospital at Camp Carson, Colorado, and stayed there until September, 1946, when he transferred again, to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He was separated 18 November 1946, as a first lieutenant in the reserve, and reenlisted 3 April 1947 as a staff sergeant.

He served as first sergeant and sergeant major of 27th General at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, until 3 August 1948 when he was recalled to active duty as a first lieutenant. He then went to the Armed Forces Information School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Duty at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, preceded his transfer to Letterman 25 January 1949.

Lieut. Dezarn is a son of Major and Mrs. Lloyd W. Dezarn, Stockton, California. A brother, Bernard Dezarn, also is an Army first lieutenant. His father served 37 years in the Army before retiring.

Actively interested in sports, Lieut. Dezarn played three years of football and basketball in college and was captain of the track team. He is married to the former Second Lieutenant Ruth L. Konop, ANC.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Jack Lewyn

A step higher on the ladder of rank and rating this week were 38 men promoted from privates to privates first class. The promotions were effective 1 June.

The list included **Nathan Anthoney, Robert L. Martin, Alfred A. Adams, Robert L. Bakhaus, William M. Ballard, Joseph H. Barnicle, John J. Barresi, John B. Bedard, John M. Bohl, Peter V. Bono, Floyd J. Boulton, Clarence Burchfield, Samuel A. Carpenter, Frank D. Clancy, William M. Colson, Harry Claiborne Jr., Edward G. Connolly, Edward J. Corrigan, Marcel H. Cote, John M. Coyne.**

Gerald Deskin, Norton L. Eckenrod, Paul S. Frick, Jose C. Gallegos, Everett E. Gootee, Elam F. Hillyard, Joseph F. Kowalewski, Henry Lopez, Michael C. Lugo, Robert Moore Jr., Louis Nuccio Jr., Horace D. Patterson, Harry N. Schrady, John B. Shirley Jr., Harold J. Showman, Norman S. Stevens, Claude M. Webster and Clarence L. Wiber.

No sooner had the orders been posted than a rash of needle-wielding began. As one new one-striper commented: "Might as well get started early," in affixing the stripes.

Master Sergeant **Harold E. Dixon,** the photographer, has re-upped and taken a 19-day re-enlistment leave, with the destination point listed as Cadillac, Michigan.

Three Kentucky boys, Privates **James M. Quinn, James B. Ramage** and **Robert B. Murphy,** have reenlisted for three years to go overseas, to the Far Eastern Command. Each will take 30-day leaves before reporting to Fort Ord. Quinn will go to Patesville, Kentucky; Ramage to Carrsville, Kentucky, and Murphy to Central City, Kentucky.

Other re-enlistments this week include Master Sergeant Jaun D. Delgado, taking a 10-day leave; Sergeant John L. Fuller, also taking 10 days; Private First Class Aaron G. Burk and Sergeant Antonia E. Tavitas Sr. Burke will take a 49-day leave before reporting to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Tavitas will take 27 days. Private Charles L. Hull Jr. is off on a 38-day re-enlistment leave to Grafton Heights, Pennsylvania.

Troop Information And Education

Educational opportunities for personnel of this Post are numerous both on and off the Post. In conjunction with and thru the cooperation of the San Francisco Unified School System—Adult Division—teachers are allocated to the Troop I&E Office five days a week, three hours daily from 1:30 to 4:30 and on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00.

Mrs. Julia Dempster tutors patients and duty personnel in English (College and High School), History, Civics, Speech and Typing.

Mrs. Ruth Staley's groups are in Typing, Shorthand, English (High School and Elementary), Arithmetic, and Reading.

Mrs. Hazel Lindsay's classes are in music appreciation with the Neuropsychiatric Division, where her understanding and musical background have been of great help to the patients. Those who are unable to attend her group here, are invited to become members of her Tuesday night class at Marina Junior High School.

Miss Hannah Goldberg is Educational Counselor on the I & E Staff by day and typing teacher at the Monday and Thursday evening classes.

These classes are held in the Army Education Center class rooms of Bldg. 1039. For the bed patients, the teachers set up the classroom at the bed side. Most of their teaching is individual tutoring at the convenience of the students. Congratulations go to those who diligently "plug away" at their USAFI books and attend their classes regularly. To mention a few: Corporal **James Perry** of the Clearance Office is completing two courses at a time these days. Mrs. Staley did excuse him last week to persue another course of learning on how a new father should act. Private first class **Lawrence E. Shoff** has three USAFI course completions on his records. Other industrious students are Corporal **Roscoe Beck,** Private First Class **Arnon Tolon,** Private First Class **William Collins,** Private **Nathan Anthony** and Recruit **Elijah Gage** of the Custodial Service, Private **Arthur De Lage** of the Military Police, Private **Lawrence Fulton** of the Hospital Service Branch, Sergeant **Morris Cook,** ward C-2, Private **Simon Garcia,** ward 27, Corporal **L. B. Hicks** of ward E-2, Recruit **Benedict F. St. Peter,** ward 31, Private First Class **Wade H. Rice,** ward 40.

Mrs. Dempster is anxiously awaiting the return of Corporal **Clyde Hart,** ward 31, Veterans **P. E. Bolton,** ward F-2 and **Charles Puckett,** ward E-2 who recently underwent surgery. The public speaking class just isn't the same.

These students are studying either to gain high school or college credits, to satisfy their intellectual interests, or to improve their "know-how" in an Army job.

Farewells were said this week to Corporal **Howard Nichols,** the clerk-typist of our staff who is reporting to the CIC School. A new member of the staff Corporal **Walter Carry** is filling-in behind the typewriter.



By Armed Forces Press Service

The most painful thought baseball players have is that of growing old. They realize it's inevitable, and yet they attempt to ignore the fact. They never openly associate their decline with age, and often do not accept the fact until another player is in their position on the playing field.

Similarly, in everyday life, the average player hesitates to admit "he isn't as spry as he used to be." But with life marching steadily on and nothing apparently stopping its pace, the new —or young—athlete has to be recognized.

In America's national pastime, this sign is seen in the form of brand new rookies, intent on impressing all within sight by their hustle and determination. Most of these youngsters never see major league action but the hope that springs eternally in the human breast goads them into almost superhuman efforts.

"If the rookie's good enough, the pennant can be won," is a baseball truism. And believe it or not, the record bears this out in more than one instance. The 1948 pennant winners in both major leagues had two outstanding first-year men. In fact— they were both good enough to win the "Rookie of the Year" awards of their respective leagues.

Al Dark, the National League champion's flashy shortstop, wound up his freshman year by leading all shortstops in hitting. He was good enough to be the only infielder among the first ten leading hitters and his ground-covering ability on the field rated with he best of them. The young Louisianan culminated all this by winning the "Rookie of the Year" award of both major leagues.

The World Champion Cleveland Indians had the best pitching freshman of the majors in handsome Gene Bearden, World War II and Purple Heart veteran. All Gene did was to pace the Indians' pitching staff and then step into that now famous play-off game with the Boston Red Sox and proceed to stop them cold.

And so it goes. This season, more of the veterans will be making way for the rookies. Nearly every club has at least one newcomer. Not all of them will set their leagues on fire, but a few are worth mentioning.

The New York Yankees, who are running away in the American League, have young Gerry Coleman. Coleman, fresh out of the International League, has so impressed pilot Casey Stengel that he has supplanted the veteran "Snuffy" Stirnweiss as the Yanks' regular second sacker. It well could be Gerry's spark which might bring another pennant to the Bronx Bombers.

Detroit probably has the most heralded of the 1949 rookie crop in slugger Johnny Groth. Whether Johnny alone can bring a flag to the Bengals is another question, but young Groth will bear watching. He could turn out to be one of the greatest outfielders in Detroit history.

The Boston Braves have a nominee in 19-year-old John Antonelli. The Tribe's bonus beauty impressed many observers in his debut when he stopped the Giants cold the latter part of April.

These are but a few instances pointing up the proven fact that baseball favors the younger player.

Busy Cops Locked Up In Their Own Lockup

Brooklyn (AFPS) — Policemen at the Brooklyn Police Headquarters had had a busy day dispatching policemen, radio cars and emergency trucks.

Tired and weary, the policemen started for home but found they were locked in their radio room.

So they made one more emergency call. They called police and asked to be freed.

Better Half: "Dear, why can't we live peacefully like the dog and cat lying there by the hearth? They never fight."

"No, they don't, but tie them together and then see what they do."

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: Would the amount of compensation I receive from VA be affected if I served overseas?

Answer: The amount of compensation payable is predicated on the degree of disability and not on place of service.

Question: I am a veteran of World War II and have a bad conduct discharge which is neither honorable nor dishonorable, but VA has denied me compensation because of it. Isn't VA bound by the character of discharge given me by the Army?

Answer: No. Under existing law, to be entitled to benefit under laws administered by VA, a World War II veteran must have been discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. Where the discharge, as in your case, is neither honorable nor dishonorable, the VA must make a determination as to whether it is under other than dishonorable conditions.

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Answer: The amount of compensation payable is predicated on the degree of disability and not on place of service.

Question: Must all my evidence to reopen my claim before VA be notarized?

Answer: Yes, if it is submitted on the subject of service-connection. Statements from physicians, submitted for the purpose of determining whether a physical examination should be requested, need not be notarized.

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Colonel Twitchell Here for Conference On Training Plans

Colonel H. H. Twitchell, commanding officer of Tripler General Hospital at Honolulu, reported in this week for a tour of temporary duty at Letterman to observe the workings of the medical residency training program as it operates here.

The training program is to be initiated at Tripler on 1 July starting with courses in medicine and surgery at this time with expansion to other branches of medicine at a later date.

The first of the student detachment will consist of 17 residents and 20 interns and available for assistance are 29 consultants who are residents of Honolulu.

Tripler at the present time has six officers who are diplomates of the American Specialty Boards and these include Colonel Dean Walker in Surgery, Colonel Fred H. Mowrey in Internal Medicine, Colonel Claude C. Dodson in Urology, Colonel Ernest A. Brav, in Orthopedics, Lt. Colonel Harry King, in Ophthalmology, and Captain Ira Nichols, US., in Psychiatry and Neurology.

Colonel Twitchell has been in command at Tripler since 1 June 1948 and he supervised the opening of the new hospital which was dedicated in September of last year. On 1 May of this year the Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor was closed and the duty of care and treatment for all patients from the armed forces was entrusted to Tripler. At that time ten medical officers, 25 nurses, six MSC officers, and 135 Navy corpsmen were transferred to Tripler to assist in the operation of the hospital.

The new Tripler has a 1500 bed capacity and at this time 850 patients are under treatment. This figure includes army, air force, navy, coast guard, public health, and veteran personnel as well as dependents of those in the armed forces. The army retains supervision of the command but there is a separate Navy detachment commander for administrative control of Navy personnel.

Colonel Twitchell reports the merger has been effected with a minimum of friction and as soon as it is determined just what language shall prevail as a means of communication of thought and speech everything should run very smoothly. Each service has a vocabulary peculiar to itself and unintelligible for the most part to "outlanders." For the time being the members of the staff will be bi-lingual and use either "floor" or "deck" when referring to what the army calls a floor or the navy calls a deck. It may be a "wall" or a "bulkhead" but it will mean the same thing in the final interpretation.

Major Perry C. Bullard, MSC, Chief of the Training Branch at Tripler, is with Colonel Twitchell here this week.



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Brigadier General Frank L. Cole (left) discusses the training program with Colonel H. H. Twitchell (right) Commanding Officer of Tripler General Hospital while Major Perry C. Bullard looks on.

The Chief of Staff States The Case For The Army

General Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, in a speech before the Political Study Club at Washington last week outlined the plight of the armed forces in the matter of adequate compensation for those who will be the leaders in the generations ahead.

The speech of General Bradley is given here in its entirety as the best presentation of our side of the matter which has appeared in print to date. General Bradley said:

"Like any other submissive American male, I abide trustingly in the wisdom of that advertiser who counsels us never to underestimate the power of a woman. Thus concerned as I am over our failure to convince Congress of the need for up-to-date pay incentives in the Armed Forces, I freely admit to the motive that prompts me to speak of our plight to their wives today.

"If this be a violation of the etiquette for petitioning Congress, then I ask that you ascribe it to faulty flanking tactics. For soldiers are taught to press their advantage long before they are taught their Washington manners.

"Were this issue not of far greater significance than army household budgets, I should hesitate to try your patience with this recitation of our need. Record federal expenditures for armed security and foreign aid have already plagued the Congress into a dilemma where it must either increase taxes, curtail spending, or suffer a deeper debt.

"At this moment the nation can no longer afford many desirable programs that may benefit its well-being. Rather it must sift its expenditures to cull out those which cannot conscientiously be called es-

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sential to our security, health, welfare, and growth.

"Magic as is the term security in today's distempered world, it must not be exploited to cloak projects other than those of first importance to the safety of the nation. Therefore, when I plead the essential justification of a military pay revision at this time, I do so with complete awareness of the urgency I invoke.

"For while your armed forces are not starving for the want of butter and eggs, the failure to provide persuasive career incentives is in danger of reducing us to an army of second-raters. As long as qualified men respond in a free economy to the opportunity for initiative and the prospect of reward, we cannot compete for promising leaders on pay scales that date to the horse-trolley age.

"More than any other institution, the army is in the business of people. If we are forever to be outbid for the services of outstanding men, then I submit that we shall entrust our security future to rejects content to make their way in a steady job at steady pay.

"An army so handicapped in peacetime cannot hope to produce the Marshalls and Eisenhowers it needs in war.

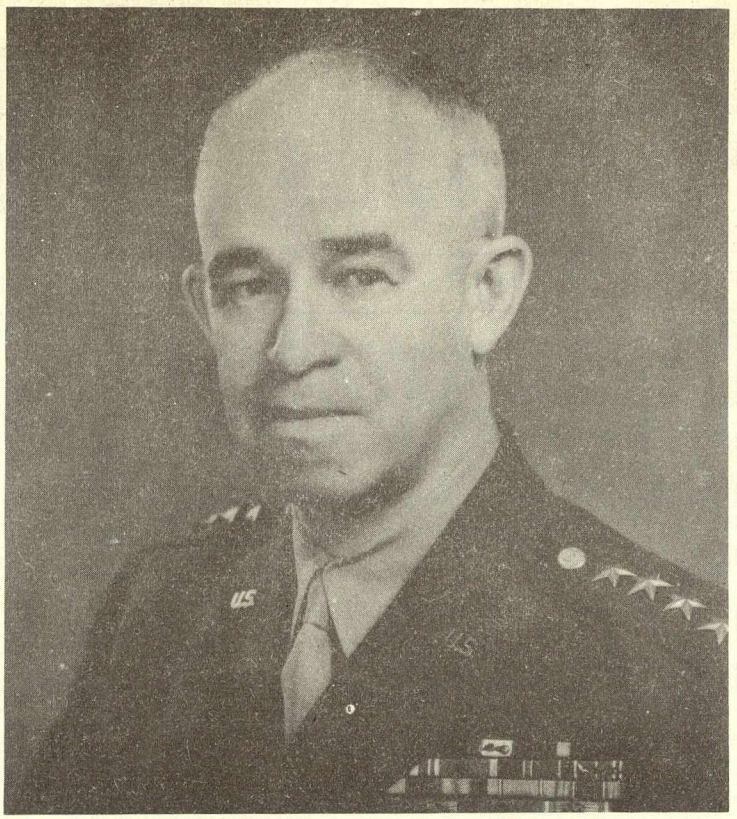
"Bargain personnel seldom produce a bargain security system. Yet our government clings to the theory that it can deal forever in basement prices on the talents of men.

"We are in danger of making patriotism a luxury that the most able men can no longer afford. For today a talented young man must choose between a military career and the prospect of greater abundance for his family. By our failure to modernize pay scales, we have told him he can't have both.

"As a result of this shortsightedness we have discouraged from the military service both officers and non-commissioned oficers with the talents to improve us.

"Today we are faced with an emergency that will adjudge the competence of our armed forces 30 years from now. Either we shall leave to our children a heritage of capable military leaders, or we shall hazard their lives on the limitations of second-rate men.

"Inferior inducements attract second-rate men. Second rate men invite second-best security. In war there is no second prize for the runner-up.



GENERAL OMAR N. BRADLEY
Chief of Staff, United States Army

"However successful our research in science for weapons of defense, those devices can be no better than our men who direct them. If we expend billions on weapon research while pinching on personnel, we may find ourselves headed toward a doomsday economy trap. For weapons in the hands of capable men are weapons that win wars. But weapons in the hands of inept men are weapons that beckon disaster.

"Until our armed forces are staffed with men of such superior quality and competence that they multiply in value with the passing of each year, we shall waste much of our nation's resources in fruitless peacetime training. For unless each officer and non-commisioned officer has capabilities greatly in excess of the responsibility he holds, he is basically an unprofitable part of the military machine.

"As leadership standards decline for the lack of sufficient incentives for first-rate men, we shall find ourselves dabbling on day-to-day defenses rather than investing in security for the future. Reservoirs of military leadership are more important to the welfare of this nation than pickled ships and lay-away planes.

"A decline in the cost of living for the first time since the war has created what some observers call an unfortunate psychological stage for the discussion of service pay. However, ours is no fourth round of periodic increases. Instead the proposal before Congress is the first overhaul of military pay scales in forty-one years.

"Because their wage-earners are paid from public funds in the service of their nation, the families of servicemen have had neither shop stewards nor lobbies to represent their plight. As a result, we find men who after a lifetime of service are compensated at the scales of their fathers in the gas-light age.

"Our problem is not a problem of psychological timing. Rather it is the need for correction of a long frozen injustice. Only by showing prospective leaders that service pay affords them fair incentives in this age can we hope to excite in them the desirability of service in the future.

"The American people have created their military establishment in the image of their own nation. It is an institution founded upon equal rights and upon freedom of opportunity. It is an institution that has permitted me—as the son of a country schoolmaster—to quit my 17-cent-an-hour job on the railroad, to compete for a commission and eventually to succeed General Eisenhower as the Army's Chief of Staff. Yet this is the institution habitually whipped by every man with a grievance as the demi-god of oppression, the protector of privilege and the despoiler of moral young men.

"The United States Army has permitted me and thousands like me to pay my way honorably in a career of service to the nation. It has permitted me to serve in dignity and self-respect all my adult life a nation for whose institutions the military has taught me greater love and devotion. When I plead for fair reward, it is not for the generation of which I am a part. I do not speak as a supplicant for a higher wage for myself.

"Instead I petition the nation as a spokesman of the service I represent to preserve an equal opportunity for service among the young men of this generation. If we are to entreat them to devote a lifetime to the service, then we must also give them the opportunity to serve with dignity, with honor, and with prospects of an abundant livelihood for themselves and their families.

"The need for revision of military pay scales to recruit young leaders in the armed forces has already been supported vigoriously by the President, by the Armed Services Committee and by a commission from industry headed by Charles R. Hook.

"Because the original bill introduced at this session of Congress sought to replace with equity and justice the contradictions and inequities that have developed in military pay, it provided incentive increases at executive levels. Yet for precisely this reason, the proposal was derogated by some as a "brass hat" bill designed to cushion officers and exclude enlisted men. Critics of the military too often attribute to all officers the malfeasances of a few. Three out of every five dollars in the proposed first year's cost for pay revision were tabbed for enlisted men—most of them leaders

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



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Dancing Couple from the "Straw Hat Revue"



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EDITORIAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A philosopher has defined Time as the "measure of successive duration" and we use that yard stick in computing our span of life.

As our days grow into weeks and months and years we note only the passing of the years with any special attention.

We consider it an achievement when another year has been completed and we like to look forward to the years which lie ahead. Destiny—beyond our control—decides the future.

Undeterred by destiny wishes are always in order for a Happy Birthday. We mark birthdays with greetings to that effect.

Today the folks at Letterman celebrate a birthday of the man who holds this command and with sincere affection and respect we join in "Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns" to

GENERAL COLE.

"The ground soldier is more than ever the keystone of armed effort." —General Eisenhower.



The list of new arrivals to the ANC here included three nurses transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California. They were Captain **Frances A. Warren,** ANC, who arrived 31 May; Captain **Ruth A. Fisher,** ANC, who was assigned here 2 June, and Captain **Helene M. Girodon,** ANC.

Here on temporary duty is Captain **Lucy M. Infosino,** ANC, who brought patients from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Capt. Infosino will remain until the next hospital train leaves for the East.

First Lieutenant **Hazel M. Gardner,** ANC, was called home to Del Mar, New York, this week because of the death of her father.

Two nurses were separated from service, including First Liuetenant **Oma E. Miller,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Marylyn Wightman,** ANC.

First Lieutenant **Gertrude Shaffer,** WMSC, of the PT staff, will begin a two-week pre-embarkation leave next week. Lieut. Shaffer will report to Camp Stoneman 6 July for shipment to Japan. During her leave, she will visit her home in Kent, Washington.

Second Lieutenant **Jane Racicot,** WMSC, has returned to OT after spending a two-week leave visiting in San Antonio, Texas, and Denver, Colorado.

Miss **Frances Taylor,** San Jose, has arrived here to spend three months in clinical affiliation at OT.

Second Lieutenant **Elizabeth Sargent,** WMSC, OT, is entertaining her parents, who drove across the country from Boston in a new automobile they brought for Lieut. Sargent.

Second Lieutenant **Louisa Lindow,** WMSC, who is transferring to Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, visited OT this week to say goodbye.

That which is to be most desired in America is oneness and not sameness. Sameness is the worst thing that could happen to the people of this country. To make all people the same would lower their quality, but oneness would raise it.—**Stephen S. Wise.**

WAC

Five members of the detachment are busy processing and packing in preparation for the transition from Army to civilian status. This will mark the end of the WACs in the AUS, since such personnel are to be discharged prior to 12 June of this year. Leaving us under these provisions are the following members of the detachment:

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard,** with almost five years of continuous service, who enlisted in England and was in the European Theater for over two years. Nancy was assigned to Letterman in April 1947.

Corporal **Emma Ghormley,** one of the "old-timers" at Letterman, enlisted in April 1945, and after spending a short tour of duty at Bushnell General Hospital, arrived at this station in January 1946.

Sergeant **Loie Silsby,** who plans on continuing her education in the field of Occupational Therapy, enlisted in October 1944 and has been assigned to Letterman since November of last year.

Sergeant **Mildred Ulisse,** who also plans on continuing her Army occupation in civilian life, enlisted in June 1945, and after being assigned to Fort George Wright, Washington for most of her tour of duty in the Army was sent here last year and assigned to X-Ray.

Sergeant **Joan Webster,** currently working in the Operating Room, enlisted in January 1945, and served with the Army stationed in the East, for the better part of her enlistment. Joan was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital, and Westover Field, Massachusetts before coming to Letterman for duty in November 1948.

Captain **Minnie Young,** former director of personnel at Letterman is enjoying a leave before reporting to Camp Kilmer for shipment to Europe.

Seen Around the WAC Area: An addition to the "Kennel Club" in the form of a four months old Daschsund puppy, property of Corporal **Ollie Badger;** Corporal **"Hank" Zuzga** acquiring the skill of adeptly sweeping her floor and making her bed, in spite of being handicapped by the sling which encases her right arm; the coffee-pot standing idle these warm days while the coke machine receives the bulk of the beverage business.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 12 June 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

To AMA Convention

Colonel Earl Maxwell, Chief of the EENT Service, left here on Monday to attend the convention of the American Medical Association being held this week at Atlantic City, N. J.

The colonel will read and discuss a paper before the convention on "Traumatic Injuries to the Eye" and he is well qualified for this assignment.

Colonel Maxwell is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and well known in both military and professional circles.

Auction

The San Francisco Post Office will be the scene of the OL HOSS sale, starting Tuesday, June 21, 1949, Acting Postmaster John F. Fixa announced today.

At this annual event all unclaimed merchandise which has come into the hands of the Post Office due to lack of proper address, faulty packing or wrapping on the part of the sender, is auctioned off to the highest bidder.

On sale this year will be unclaimed articles from four western states, the Army and Navy post offices of the Pacific and the Island of Guam. There will be a total of 6,500 lots, stated Mr. Fixa.

A variety of items including watches, rings, bracelets, silverware, new and used clothing for men, women and children, nylon hosiery, auto tires, toys, musical instruments and other merchandise also will be offered to the highest bidder.

A display of much of the merchandise will be made at the Main Post Office, on Monday, June 20 from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

The Auction will start Tuesday, June 21 at the Main Post Office, 7th and Mission Sts., and run through Saturday, June 25, from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. each day.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BETH BRYSON
Private

Not so far from home in her assignment at Letterman is Private Beth Bryson, latest arrival at the WAC detachment here. She hails from Dixon, California, 70 miles from San Francisco.

The 20-year-old Pvt. Bryson, assigned to the operating room, came to Letterman 1 May after completing an eight-weeks course for surgical technicians at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

She enlisted at Sacramento, California, last December for three years, traveled across the continent to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training; headed south to Texas and back to California.

A graduate of Dixon High School, Pvt. Bryson studied in a medical assistant's course at Lux College in San Francisco for a year and a half, and joined the WAC because she wanted to gain more experience in medical profession, especially surgery.

Interested in any phase of medicine, she says she hopes to continue study at the University of California after her three-year term of enlistment is completed.

In high school she was active in the girls' athletic program and was social manager of the Girls Athletic Club. She likes ping pong and enters every competition in the sport she possibly can.

She always has had an interest in medicine, and once hoped to complete work for an M.D. degree. She abandoned any plans for that much of a career in medicine, however, because she doesn't especially want to become a "career woman."

It's no secret, though, why Pvt. Bryson shows enthusiasm for her work in a field in which she is deeply interested.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Results in the Red Cross Chess club competition for May were announced this week.

Captain **George M. Bryan,** ward D-2, amassed a total of 56 points to take top honors for the month among competitors. The runner-up was Captain **Gerald Moultrie,** also of ward D-2, with a total of 40 points.

In third place with 32 points was Corporal **Edmund Smith,** ward C-2, who also won a special award for having played the most number of games. During the month, he played a total of 99 games.

The puppy show on the parade grounds near the East Hospital last Sunday drew a crowd of approximately 350 persons, including patients, duty personnel and civilians.

Winners of puppies given away during the five-hour show included two Letterman patients, Sergeant **Rex Rivers,** ward 31, and Private **Dale Morgan,** then of ward K-3 and now of ward 2.

More than 100 puppies from throughout this area of California were entered in the show, sponsored by the Golden Gate Dachshund Club.

Best puppy in the show was 11-months-old "Laurie," owned and entered by Mrs. Laura Burns, Millbrae, California.

Currently a patient on ward M-1 is Private **Tom Martin Jr.,** member of 9956 TSU.

Developing an interest in rug weaving is Corporal **William Creveston,** ward M-2. Creveston, who never had done any weaving before, says the art is easier than he had expected.

Building a hobby-horse in the OT shop is **George Valencia,** the active veteran of ward 42, who also has been taking an interest in USAFI educational counseling.

Speaking of education. Private First Class **Donald Gregson,** ward 27, has signed to two correspondence courses.

More lucky dollar winners on the quiz show include at least five patients who had the right answers.

The list includes Private First Class **E. G. Nyberg,** ward M-2; **Tony Guassardo,** veteran of ward 42; Private First Class **L. G. Gray,** ward 31; Corporal **Robert J. Brucker,** ward M-2, and Private **Robert E. McDowell,** ward 40.

Although it has been three weeks or more since the show, folks here still talk favorably about the appearance of the Ink Spots, and the great singing and speech by the quintet's featured voice, **Bill Kenney.** Both his voice and his sincerity are hard to beat.

Master Sergeant **William Chaney,** ward E-2, working to improve the functioning of his right elbow, constructed an end-table, and says he improved the use of his right hand because of the project.

Active in an OT project on the ward is Recruit **James Parson,** ward D-1.

Seen in a demon game of Canasta, the newly imported variety of gin rummy, were Captain **Steve W. Hackett** and **Charles Piper,** veteran, both patients on ward D-2.

Private First Class **James Barressi,** member of the detachment here, donned the blues and is now a patient on ward C-2.

Back on ward D-2 is First Lieutenant **Harry Lawler,** who transferred over from ward L-1. The mailman is burned daily with correspondence for Lieut. Lawler from his many friends who have not forgotten him.

First Lieutenant **Joseph Cassidy's** "little trio," two girls and a boy, visited him on ward D-2 recently and charmed the ward's complement.

Enthusiasm for photography is being displayed by Private First Class **Curtis Walker,** ward M-2, and Sergeant **Rene Harper,** ward C-2. Both have been shooting pictures and developing film in the OT shop's photography workshop.

Starting OT this week was **Clarence Edwards,** a veteran of ward K-2.

Sergeant Ralph L. Boshel, ward B-2, was set to leave, but now his coffee hours have been extended because of "circumstances beyond his control."

School days are about to end for Recruit **Carl Loucks,** ward D-1, who has been using his time to further his education through the guidance of Mrs. Ruth Staley, educational reconditioning staffer.

ON THE SPOT



WALTER T. CARRY
Corporal

One of the men who conducts orientation for detachments at Letterman is Corporal Walter T. Carry, information and education specialist.

Cpl. Carry was assigned to Letterman last April after returning to the states from Guam, where he was stationed with the 22nd General Hospital as a Troop I. & E. Specialist.

Carry, who has been in the Army for 30 months, enlisted at West Palm Beach, Florida—his home—in December, 1946, and took basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After basic, he was sent to medical technicians school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He went to Guam in July, 1947, and was stationed there until last February.

Carry was graduated from Lake Worth, Florida, High School, where he was active in student affairs and athletics, and his post-Army plans include study at the University of Florida.

In high school, he was president of his class in the first three years and president of the student body in his final year. He played football, basketball and baseball and was a member of the track team. Carry was an end on the high school team which won the Gulf Stream conference football championship.

On Guam, he played quarterback for the MARBO Tech squad last season and was named "All Pacific" quarterback.

Carry, son of a former chief petty officer in the Navy, Thomas P. Carry, works behind the soda fountain at the Army YMCA during his off duty hours.

When not working, he actively pursues his interest in golf.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Jenny Anglin of the Post Cafeteria handed in her resignation and will leave San Francisco this week to move to Baltimore where she will make her new home.

A charming bride of a few days, **Virginia Smith Parks,** formerly of Officers Personnel section, and her husband Dr. **Joseph Parks,** Jr., paid a visit to Letterman recently to chat with friends. They will make their home in Newman, Georgia, where Dr. Parks has a private practice.

Helen Lund of the Payroll Section was on detached duty at McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena this week helping close the payroll branch office there.

Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse on Ward P-1, and her sister, Eleanor O'Neill, enjoyed the beautiful weather at Carmel during their visit of a few days last week.

LaVerne Mulligan, Surgical Service, returned last week after a month's leave with her mother. They traveled by car and visited Lake Louise, Bannf, and enjoyed the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Kentucky.

Emily Knepp of the Dental Clinic is excitedly awaiting the arrival of her sister from the East. She will take two weeks to be with her during the visit to California.

Everyone will remember the hot weather experienced last Saturday but **Diane Carter** will have occasion to remember it twice as long. She spent the day getting a new hairdo and the combination of the hairdrier and hot weather is something she doesn't want to go through again.

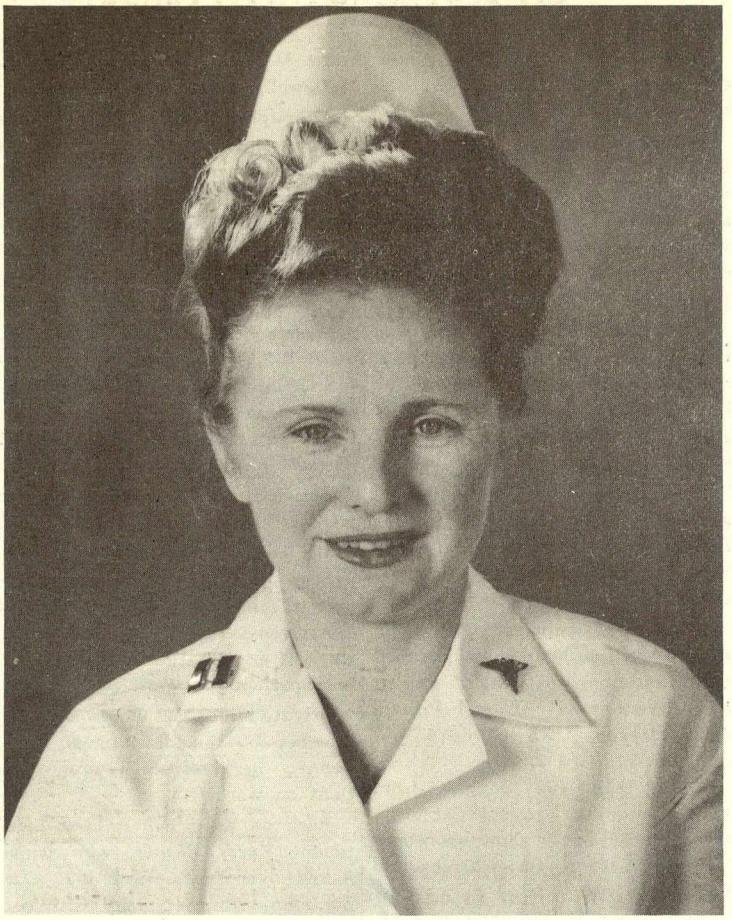
Alice Torgerson of Finance is the proud possessor of a brand-new 1949 Chevrolet car. She recently returned from a vacation spent in Portland.

Madeleine Rose of the Chaplain's office resigned this week and will take a two weeks trainings course in Los Angeles in connection with her new business venture in the "Welcome Wagon" organization in San Francisco.

Gus Tevis of Occupational Therapy is away on leave due to the illness of his wife who is a patient in a San Francisco hospital.

Isabel Cannon of Military Personnel was on two weeks leave due to the illness of her husband.

THE TWIN BARS CAUGHT UP WITH HER OR VICE VERSA—BUT SHE HAS 'EM



Captain ELSIE K. HOIN, ANC
The newest of our nurses advanced to that grade.

When the Commanding General pinned the twin silver bars of a captain on the uniform of Elsie K. Hoin one day last week it was noted that her new rank dated from 1 March and then she knew she was not one of the army's forgotten women.

Some time ago a flock of orders came in announcing the promotion of several first lieutenants in the Army Nurse Corps to the rank of captain. The name of Elsie K. Hoin was not on the list and she wondered about that. She was aware that she had been recommended for the advancement and that her length of service entitled her to favorable action on the recommendation.

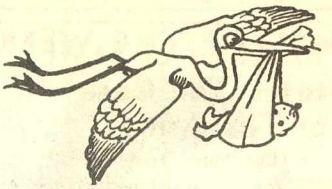
Now that she has caught up with her contemporaries she is not pressing for any explanation for the delay. Wire desk baskets have a way of retaining papers and that could have happened in her case.

Captain Hoin is a native of Chicago and a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital in that city. Her first professional post was on the staff of the University of Illinois Research Hospital where she remained for five years before coming west to Pasadena for private duty at St. Luke's Hospital.

Her army career began in January 1941 when she was commissioned in the ANC and assigned to Camp McClellan in Alabama where she was at the Regional Hospital until July 1944 when she went to Saipan with the 176th Station Hospital. After 18 months with that unit she came back to the mainland for separation.

Captain Hoin again entered the army in January of last year with station at Letterman and she has been the charge nurse on Ward C-1 for the past two months.

Her patients are very happy about her promotion.



27 May

To Major and Mrs. Howard V. Cooperider, a girl, **Rita.**

28 May

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles E. Massengale, a boy, **Patrick Timothy.**

29 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph M. La Bouyer, a boy, **Raymond.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Julian Kowalski, a boy, **David William.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Vincent W. Staniszewski, a boy, **Michael David.**

To Major and Mrs. Kenneth E. Pell, a girl, **Teresa Elizabeth Francesca.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold E. Austin, a girl, **Sharon Sue.**

30 May

To Sgt. and Mrs. Donald H. Howe, twin boys, **Donald Vincent** and **Ernest Homer.**

To S/Sgt and Mrs. Ned Phillip Ellis, a boy, **Phillip Dale.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jack Spencer, a boy, **Jack Anthony.**

To Recruit and Mrs. William S. Daglow, a boy, **Stanley Vincent.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Willard J. Krout, twin boys, **David John** and **Thomas James.**

31 May

To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Delwyn E. Silver, a boy, **Brian Dee.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Tommy C. Anderson, a boy, **Ralph Tommy.**

Softball

Letterman's softball team, sparked by the hurling of Captain Ernest "Doc" Adams, romped to a 17-1 victory over the Presidio Headquarters Company squad in a Sixth Army league opener at Presidio diamond No. 2 Tuesday evening.

In other recently played contests, Letterman bowed, 9-8, last Saturday to San Quentin in an 11-inning tilt played at the prison. Sergeant Joseph Surowicz pitched for the hospital team.

On 3 June, Capt. Adams hurled a no-hit, no-run game to lead Letterman in an 8-0 win over the First Insurance Underwriters team in the San Francisco recreation league.

She: "He thinks I'm the nicest girl in the college. Shall I go out with him tonight?"

Her: "No, let him go on thinking so."

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in the non-commissioned grades. Approximately one half of one per cent would have gone to reward the brass who wear stars.

"I had once hoped that we might lay away forever the cruel fiction that officer privilege has splintered the services into castes of have's and have-not's. Yet we are still subjected to the perennial slanders of those who seek success for themselves in civil life and vilify success in the service. We are still belabored by the suspicion that rank in the Army is a reward for villainy. While success in business is revered as achievement, success in the Army is noisily condemned as un-American and un-democratic.

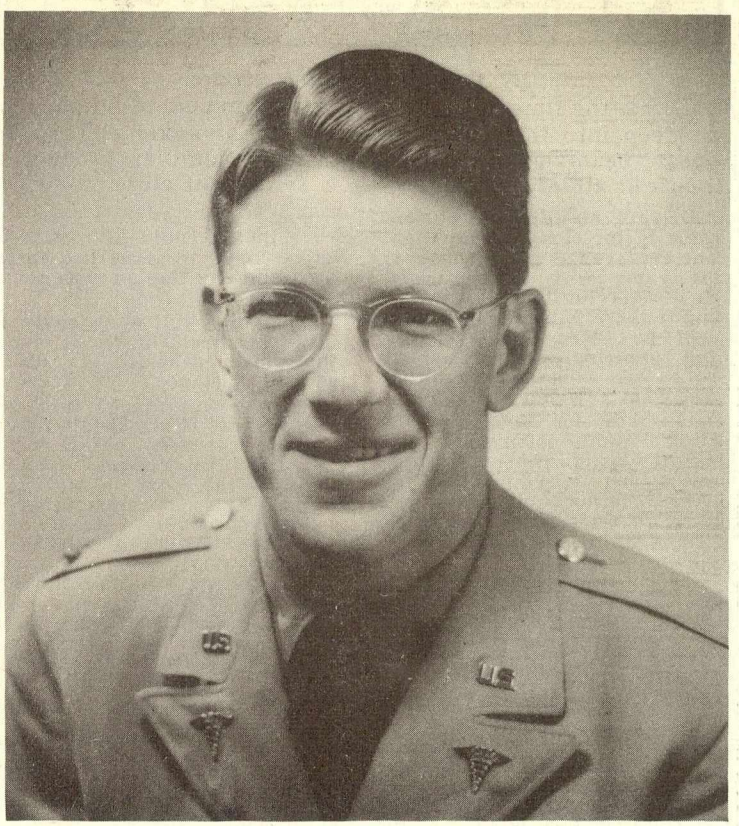
"It is time we rejected the cheap emotionalism that panders to the appetites of those in hunt of the services as a whipping boy. It is time we acknowledged that leadership in the armed forces is a virtue that benefits the soldier as well as the nation he serves. For if we are honestly concerned for the welfare of the Ameican soldier, our first consideration should be for the quality of the men who command him. It is the competence of this leadership and the quality of this command that may readily spell the difference between his life and death in battle.

"In their constant efforts to drive a wedge between officers and men, the self-proclaimed champions of the American G. I. are doing him his greatest disservice. Our only hope for a military establishment that will safeguard the dignity, protect the rights, and give expression to the human needs of men lies in the recruitment of officers and leaders with the intelligence and compassion to fulfill those wants. Again, I submit, these are the men whom we deny with bargain basement incentives.

"That this nation is prudently on guard against undue military influence in the conduct of its affairs is comforting evidence of the jealousy with which we prize free government. For while that vigilance does reflect distrust in military power, it also distinguishes the vigor of our democracy and the determination of our people to govern themselves according to the dictates of their conscience.

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"LIKE FATHER—LIKE SON" SEEMS TO FIT THE CASE OF LIEUT. PATTERSON



Lieutenant JAMES L. PATTERSON, MC
Among the first to answer the call for medical officers.

The first doctor to respond to Secretary of Defense Johnson's latest procurement appeal for physicians was First Lieutenant James Lindley Patterson, Jr., MC, now at Letterman on a 14-day tour of temporary duty.

After leaving here, Lieut. Patterson, a resident of Duncan, Oklahoma, will report to Camp Stoneman for shipment to Yokohama.

Lieut. Patterson entered the Army 3 May from general practice in Duncan. He answered Secretary Johnson's appeal, he said, because he realized the need for doctors.

He reported to the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, and was one of three welcomed by Secretary Johnson personally in a Washington ceremony.

Lieut. Patterson, who wears the same bars worn by his father during the first world war, took three years of medical training under AS TP and finished medical school as a civilian at the University of Oklahoma in June, 1947.

He interned at San Diego County Hospital, San Diego, California, and had been in private practice for eight months before entering the Army.

Offered a residency in medicine at the San Diego hospital, he asked that the appointment be deferred until he completes his two year tour of duty with the Army, or until July, 1951.

Lieut. Patterson, who came to Letterman directly from Washington, is spending his time here observing military hospital procedure.

His father, regimental surgeon for the 17th Cavalry Division in World War I, gave Lieut. Patterson his bars when he answered the call. He was associated with his father in private practice.

Lieut. Patterson, married to the former Miss Meryl Cook of San Diego, likes to bowl, play badminton and swim. He is interested in internal medicine.

He trained under ASTP from January, 1944, to March, 1946, when he was separated from service.

Secretary Johnson's appeal for doctors was made recently after the need for them became more and more apparent.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Jack Lewyn

On overseas alerts this week were at least 15 men scheduled for transfer in August to various stations in the Pacific and European area and Alaska.

The list includes Private First Class **R. C. F. Bell** and Private **Omar C. Schumacher,** to report to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey; Private First Class **Calvin C. Moore,** Private First Class **Kenneth E. Underwood,** Sergeant First Class **Myron F. Rose,** Sergeant **Myron N. Coleman,** to Camp Stoneman; Sergeant First Class **Einar P. Fauske,** Private **Clarence R. Burchfield,** Private **William H. McGinnis** and Private **Louis Nuccio, Jr.,** to Fort Lawton, Washington; Sergeant **Lloyd W. Woodbury,** to Camp Stoneman; Corporal **Samuel L. Magruder,** Sergeant First Class **Theodore J. LeClert** and Sergeant **Marvin E. Ames,** to Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans.

Three promotions were posted at detachment headquarters, including **Leo R. Boughlosky,** recruit to private, and **Alfred Centrella** and **Nathan E. DeTamble,** private to private first class.

Sergeant First Class **James B. Chambers,** who returned recently after duty in Hawaii, re-enlisted for three years this year for duty at Letterman.

Other re-enlistments included Sergeant **Robert M. Pelletier,** Corporal **Robert J. Thomas, Jr.,** and Corporal **Ralph Carlson.** Pelletier took a 30-day re-enlistment leave to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and Thomas took 15 days. Carlson, assigned to the orderly room, deferred his re-enlistment leave.

Sergeant **William Allen** of Special Services, bowling alley and softball fame, will ship to the Far East in July.

Bowling

The completion of the scheduled games in the Monday Night Women's Bowling League found all four teams in a tie with six wins and six losses.

Leading the individual scorers is Lieut. Leith Shaffer with an average of 144, Lieut. Mildred B. Kauffman 143, and Lieut. Bernice Boudreau with 141 as the runners up.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The area is beginning to shine since Private First Class **Ralph Talley** and Corporal **John Bruce** have started working on it.

Master Sergeant **Donald Hicks** has been busy keeping the bulletin board full of cartoons lately.

Master Sergeant **John Cook** wants to go on a delay back to Maryland, but he is afraid he wouldn't be able to stand the heat.

Now that he is back working in the Evac office, Corporal **Luther Lipsett** has a big smile on his face these days.

Sergeant First Class **John Mack** is going into the Used Car business.

Corporal **James McElreath** has started keeping house. His wife is coming to California in a couple of weeks.

Corporal **William H. Jordan** has been bucking for a barber's license for the last couple of days. He has been around the area cutting the hedges. He says he soon will be able to open his own business.

More About CASE FOR THE ARMY

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"Because the histories of other nations are smeared with tragic results of the concentration of power in the hands of those with weapons, we have wisely surrounded our military with a fortress of civilian controls.

"However, the best guarantee against this concentration of force in the hands of a few is to make certain that the military is possessed of the same fervent love for freedom, the same jealous love for country, that dwells in the most conscientious citizens they are sworn to protect. Our sturdiest guarantee against militarism must be cradled in the military establishment itself. To assure this, we must have armed forces composed of men with sensitivity, intellect, and good conscience—men who will nourish faith in the essential nature of freedom to peace in the world—men who will nourish faith in the importance of self-government to happiness in our lives.

"When we speak of the armed services as a business of people, these are the people we want."



By Armed Forces Press Service

THIS is the time of year when great numbers of humans dig deep into their closets in a flurry of anxiety. They reappear, beaming and confident, with a familiar product of American athletic ingenuity . . . a set of golf clubs.

Drivers, mashies and putters come in for close examination. The average fairways gent loves the game with a fanaticism. He's eager for that first swing and if there is a mirror handy, he'll be there, too—swinging and admiring. This year he'll be a cinch to break a hundred. Ah, what a wonderful game.

The credit for developing this popular game belongs to Scotland. It was not invented as recreation for the tired business man on his afternoon off, nor was it started as a means of making experts wealthy because of their skill.

The best explanation might well be explained by referring to the old axiom, "Forbidden fruit has a sweet taste." Old human nature, which always enjoys something better when it's forbidden, proved to be the golf bonanza.

It all started back in the 14th or 15th century. The Scots were picking up golf so fast that it might be compared to a fad in this country. This popularity did not please King James IV, of Scotland (1488-1513) who created a law outlawing the sport. His reason: the sport was too simple, anybody could hit a little ball and in addition the threat of invasion from enemies was always imminent.

Regardless of this stern edict, the Scots continued to bang away at the sport until they were caught or fined. Proponents of the game appealed to the King to relax the law. They argued that the game was honorable, clean and a fine form of exercise. To prove their point, they inveigled James into a game. His insistence that it was a silly form of play requiring no skill probably was the thing that made him accept the challenge.

Apparently James missed his first few swings, tried some more, and was back day after day to prove that it could be mastered. Before long the game had fascinated him and the law was never enforced.

Originally, golf was strictly a distance game. The winner was the player who could attain greatest distance.

Golf was introduced into the United States in the 1880's. Again it was a Scotsman, John G. Reid, who lived in Yonkers, N. Y., who gave the sport its American baptism. For that contribution to his adopted country, Mr. Reid is called the "Father of American golf."

With the advent of full scale popularity, the game has seen competition sharpen and even golf courses outdo each other in their attempts to create hazards to test the experts. Distance of drives still counts heavily but the game has developed into a series of shots, each requiring a special skill and technique. The average golfer will use a certain club for one shot and another for a different type.

The basic rules for golf stipulate that a course may be 9 or 18 holes. The holes may be any distance from the tee that the architect may decide.

There are two methods of competition: match play and medal play. Match play is usually 18 or 36 holes, when championships are involved. Medal play usually is 72 holes. In match play, the result is determined by who wins the most holes. In medal play, the winning of individual holes is ignored; the contest is determined by who requires the fewest strokes to negotiate the number of specified holes.

We might add that golf owes a lot of its popularity to self improvement. It's a challenge to a player to improve each time. Result—he keeps on playing, always endeavoring to lower his score. Just remember that practice makes perfect.

Safest Year of Life

New York (AFPS)—What is the safest year of your life?

According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the safest year of life is age 11.

A combination of circumstances makes age 11 the safest. By then the death rate from childhood diseases have been reduced, while the chronic conditions of adulthood have yet to appear.

The first year, and especially the first week, is fraught with danger. But from then on the chances of survival increase from year to year.

Beyond childhood the chances of living from one birthday to the next diminish with each succeeding year.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans Administration officials estimate four out of five veterans widows who are suddenly faced with the necessity of filing claims for pensions find themselves unable to lay hands immediately upon copies of public records necessary to establish the claims.

One of the most important steps a married veteran or serviceman can take to protect his wife and children in case of his death is to place on file a certified copy of the public record of marriage, together with complete certified records of any previous marriages of himself and wife. Copies of birth certificates of any children should also be obtained.

Many a tragic delay in settling the pension claim of a veterans' widow has resulted because the widow or her dead husband had been married previously and adequate proof of the dissolution of that marriage was produced only after a long and painful search.

Before the widow's claim can be settled, the VA must trace down the facts of that previous marriage to make sure it was dissolved and the widow was legally the veteran's wife at the time of his death. This may mean searching the records in each county in which the veteran lived during his first marriage.

Veterans and servicemen owe it to their loved ones to insure that necessary records are readily available in case of death.

Question: What supporting evidence must be furnished by a widow or child in order to claim death pension?

Answer: Proof of legal relationship of widow (marriage and dissolution of prior marriages of both spouses) and proof of legal relationship of child or acknowledgement of child by veteran.

Question: May death pension be paid to a widow who has remarried?

Answer: No. She loses all status as a widow of her previous husband upon remarriage.

Question: Does Veterans Administration provide prosthetic appliances for veterans regardless of how they are injured?

Answer: No. They are supplied to veterans who need appliances for (1) a service-connected condition; (2) for injury or disease for which hospitalization has been authorized; or (3) as an incident of domiciliary care.

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VA Offers Grants To Paralyzed Vets For Special Homes

Paralyzed veterans certified eligible will receive Federal grants ranging in amounts up to $10,000 to help provide them with homes specially designed and constructed for wheelchair living, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The VA said 1,300 veterans, including 28 in the San Francisco area, already have been certified for the grants, authorized by Congress last year. Under provisions of the act, the VA defrays 50 per cent of the cost of such homes for eligible veterans with a $10,000 maximum.

Eligible under law are veterans paralyzed because of service-connected injury or disease of the spinal cord which deprives them of the use of their legs and lower part of the body.

The homes incorporate special features such as ramps, instead of steps, doorways wide enough to accommodate a wheel chair, special bathroom fixtures, and exercise rooms equipped in accordance with the needs of the patients.

The VA supplies model plans, specifications and blueprints for such homes, which the veteran may use if he wishes.

The Federal grant may be utilized in several ways. The veteran may buy a lot and build a home on it, remodel his present home to suit his needs, or apply the grant against mortgage indebtedness if he already has a suitable home.

The VA said it expects the number of grants awarded to rise rapidly during the next few months as eligibles develop final plans and complete their building and financial arrangements.

More than 2,100 applications for housing grants thus far have been

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GENERAL COLE CUTS THE CAKE
On hand to watch him cut the cake at a party in his honor were Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services; Colonel Emmett B. Litteral, Chief Neuro-psychiatric Service, and Mrs. Cole and a host of others.

General Cole Has a Happy Birthday

Another year was added to the recorded age of the commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, on Saturday last and the event properly commemorated by the officers of the command.

To General Cole it was just another day as he walked toward his office on that morning but he was not aware that his efficient executive officer, Colonel James B. Stapleton, had other plans and with the cooperation of the chiefs of service it was a well kept secret.

The staff room was the gathering place for the well wishers and the main decoration was a king size birthday cake. The band was in place just outside on the lawn and as the honoree entered the staff room under the guidance of Colonel Stapleton the band struck up "Happy Birthday" and the assembled officers joined in.

Felicitations were extended and General Cole replied in a brief speech. It was evident from the tenor of his remarks that it was truly a happy birthday for him.

General Cole assumed command of Letterman in September of last year and this was the first opportunity the garrison had to show how highly regarded he is by those who have the privilege of serving under him. It was a happy birthday for everyone.

Compromise Paybill Headed for Senate After House Action

Passed unanimously in the House this week was the second armed forces pay bill, a measure which would increase military pay by more than $300,000,000 a year.

The bill now goes to the Senate for action.

The first measure was defeated by a vote of 227 to 163, and almost immediately a compromise bill was introduced.

The latest pay bill pares the originally-proposed rate of increase for high-ranking officers and substitutes increases above the original bill for some grades of enlisted men.

The new bill provides that men now in service, who would get more with present scales plus family allowances, be paid on the old basis. Those who would get more with the pay rise and without the allowances come under the new scale. This arrangement expires with the present enlistments, and, in any case, in 1952.

Other provisions of the old bill are unchanged. These include a pared-down system of disability retirement for officers, curtailed flight and hazard pay and abolition of extra pay for officers for foreign and sea duty.

352nd General Hospital Reserve Here for 15 Days

Letterman is playing host this week to the 352nd General Hospital Reserve here for 15 days of active duty for on the job training. The period will extend until 19 June at which time the organization will revert to inactive status. This is the first of the reserve units in that class to come here for training.

The unit was organized in July of last year and made up of officers and men who reside in the Bay Area. The unit has held two monthly meetings since it came into being and covered the basic subjects by means of lectures and assigned matter for study. All of the officers and men had active service during the late war.

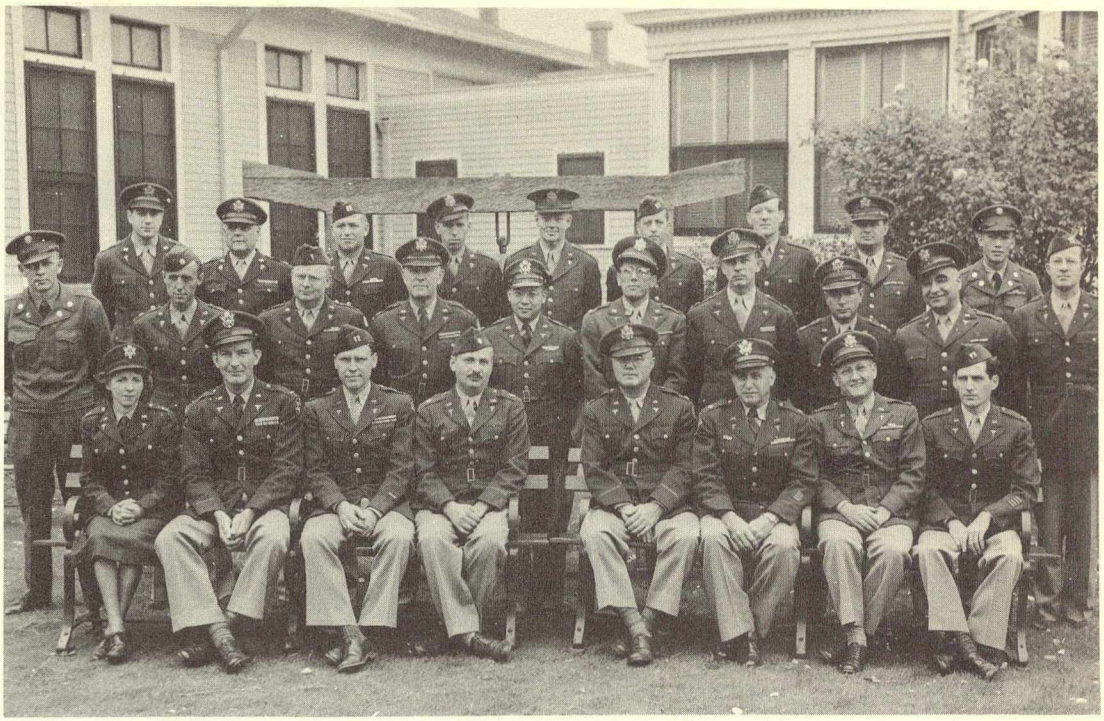
Guiding the unit in the training program here is Lieutenant Colonel Homer C. McCullough, MSC, who is the Medical Unit Instructor with the Northern California-Nevada Officers Reserve Corps Instructor Group, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, and assisted by Major Joseph E. Hodge, MSC, unit instructor for the 352nd General Hospital.

The commanding officer of the 352nd is Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Hudson, MC-Res., who is not present for this period of training. In his absence the acting CO is Lieutenant Colonel Maurice L. Becker, MC-Res., who is on the medical staff of the Veterans Hospital at Livermore, Calif.

The training program will include both professional and administrative procedures and the medical and dental officers will work alongside the regular members of the Letterman staff in the case and treatment of the patients, the nurses and dietitians will be assigned to places on their respective services, and the administrative officers will take one O. D. tour during the period.

In addition to Colonel Hudson and Colonel Becker the following officers of the 352nd General Hospital are on active duty at this time: Unit assignment, place of residence, and civilian occupation is given for each officer.

Lieutenant Colonel William A. Cassidy, MC, chief of medical service, Veterans Hospital, Livermore; Major Roscoe H. DeWitt, DC, chief of dental service, Oakland; Captain Robert H. Johnson, MSC, adjutant, Berkeley, attorney; Captain Lloyd D. Thomas, MSC, plans and training officer, Berkeley, banker; Captain Mary M. Maslin, ANC, chief nurse, Alameda; First Lieutenant John D. Keser, MSC, supply officer, Oakland, traffic manager; Chaplain (Major) Joseph L. Gerhart, hospital chaplain, Vallejo.



COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF—352nd GH-Res.

Front, L to R: 1st Lt. John D. Keser, MSC-Res; Capt. Robert H. Johnson, MSC-Res; Lt. Col. Maurice L. Becker, MC-Res, acting C.O.; Lt. Col. William A. Cassidy, MC-Res; Maj. Roscoe H. DeWitt, DC-Res; Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph L. Gerhart, ChC; Capt. Lloyd D. Thomas, MSC-Res.

Center, L to R: Sgt. Marion L. Howard, MD-Res; Maj. Donald E. Bailey, MSC-Res; 1st Lt. Robert H. Dick, MSC-Res; Capt. Eugene E. Thompson, MSC-Res; Maj. George Q. Lee, MC-Res; Maj. Aaron E. Davis, MC-Res; Maj. Albert R. Egan, MC-Res; Capt. Arthur A. Buckley, MSC-Res; Maj. Alexander R. Chalian, MC-Res; Capt. William M. Seevers, MSC-Res.

Back, L to R: Maj. Henry I. Yaffe, MC-Res; Capt. Joseph B. Mock, MSC-Res; Capt. Alfred H. Samuelson, MSC-Res; 2nd Lt. Dale C. Williamson, MSC-Res; 2nd Lt. Roy J. Jensen, MSC-Res; Capt. Robert J. Murray, MSC-Res; 2nd Lt. Edward C. Glomb, Jr., MSC Res; Capt. Reginald S. Hood, MC-Res; Cpl. Robert E. Chan, MD-Res.

Others participating in the program here include Major Donald E. Bailey, MC, San Pablo, hospital field representative, California Department of Public Health; Major Alexander R. Chalian, MC, Oakland; Major Aaron E. Davis, MC, Oakland; Major Albert R. Egan, Oakland, Samuel Merritt Hospital; Major Almira A. Lanfear, ANC, Livermore, Veterans Hospital; Major Q. Lee, MC, Oakland, Alameda County Hospital; Major Henry I. Yaffe, MC, Berkeley, Captain Arthur A. Buckley, MSC, San Leandro, Veterans Hospital administrator.

Captain Joseph B. Mock, MSC, Berkeley, U. S. Veterans Administration; Captain Alice R. Moore, ANC, Livermore, Veterans Hospital; Captain Reginald S. Hood, MC, Imola, Calif., Napa State Hospital, assistant superintendent; Captain Alfred H. Samuelson, MSC, Oakland; Captain Eugene E. Thompson, MSC, Orinda, Calif., salesman.

First Lieutenant Inez M. Bissell, ANC, Oakland, dental assistant; First Lieutenant Robert H. Dick, MSC, food and drug administration; First Lieutenant Jean L. Granger, WMSC, Alameda, Veterans Hospital, Oakland, dietician; First Lieutenant Ila M. Kidd, ANC, Oakland.

Captain William M. Seevers, MSC, El Cerrito; First Lieutenant Beryl J. Tideman, ANC, Oakland; First Lieutenant Virginia L. Waddill, ANC, Richmond, industrial nurse; First Lieutenant Clarabelle S. Winder, ANC, Oakland Health Department, public health nurse; Second Lieutenant Edward C. Glomb, Jr., MSC Berkeley; Second Lieutenant Roy J. Jensen, MSC, Berkeley; Second Lieutenant Muriel C. Powell, WMSC, Oakland; Second Lieutenant Dale C. Williamson, MSC, Albany, vocational rehabilitation officer with the State Department of Education; Sergeant Marion L. Howard, MD, El Sobrante, Calif., and Corporal Robert E. Chan, MD, Oakland.

The following nurses and WMSC Reserves are also attached to the unit: Captain Elizabeth A. Wilde, ANC, Oakland; First Lieutenant Margaret C. Duffy, ANC, Los Angeles and Private Mildred Brown, WAC, Oakland.

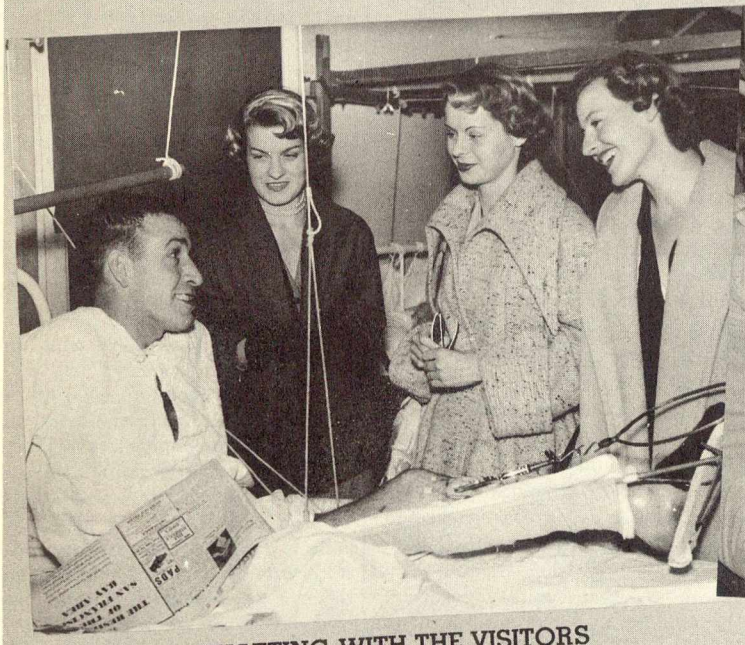
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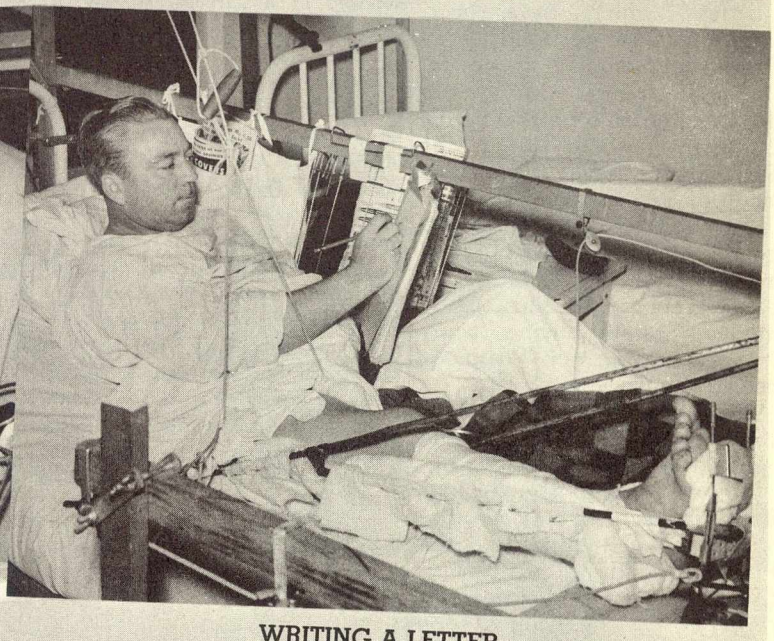
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THE BIRTHDAY PARTY



NEW MAJOR GENERALS POSE
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EDITORIAL

INVESTMENT

Now underway throughout America is the "Opportunity Savings Bond Drive," a campaign to encourage continued public investment in the "securities" which have been known as Defense Bonds, War Bonds and plain Savings Bonds.

Being stressed during the drive is the sale of the Series E bonds, which begin at $18.75 and have a maturity value of $25 in ten years.

Investments in savings bonds are being encouraged everywhere. The system is an excellent one for saving money; literally buying security for you, your family and our country.

President Truman has urged every family to buy a bond to insure its future.

"The Opportunity Savings Bond Drive should have the support of all citizens," the President said. "It is part of the effort we are all making together for the good of one another, for the security of our country and for the peace of the world."

A public investment of $1,040,000,000 is being sought.

Is there a better investment?



Seven new arrivals were welcomed to ANC here this week, including Captain **Catherine Lowe,** ANC; First Lieutenant **Helen A. Shelton,** ANC, who reported from Ships Complement, Seattle; Captain **Josefina M. Rodriguez,** ANC, transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California; Second Lieutenant **Jewel F. Martin,** ANC, recalled to active duty from civilian life; Captain **Margaret M. Vargo,** assigned from McCornack; First Lieutenant **Florence L. Kimmell,** ANC, transferred from Linz, Austria, and First Lieutenant **Mary Neeb,** ANC, who arrived from the 110th Station Hospital in Vienna.

Lieutenant Colonel **Elsie E. Schneider,** ANC, chief nurse, will take a three-weeks leave, during which she will visit in Denver, Colorado.

Cantain **Mildred Carter,** WMSC, who will be married 23 June to First Lieutenant **Charles Duffy,** was honored at a surprise shower 10 June at the home of First Lieutenant **Lucille Burt.**

Attending were Capt. **Carter,** her mother, Mrs. **Helen R. Carter;** Captain **Vida Buehler,** WMSC; **First** Lieutenant **Alta Rogers,** ANC; First Lieutenant **Cecile Bair,** ANC; First Lieutenant **Anne Zunick,** ANC; **Sue Burnett;** First Lieutenant **Helen DeZwarte,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Ruth Wall,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Leith Shaffer,** WMSC; Second Lieutenant **Eleanor Coty,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Dorothy Nichols,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Frances Des Prez,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Betty Hearne,** WMSC; First Lieutenant **Beatrice L. Sandhoff,** WMSC, and Lieut. **Burt.**

The Army Medical Library in Washington is the most complete in the world.

The Regular Army has always been a nucleus used to train a larger force, if needed.

An enlisted WAC is $77 a year less expensive to Uncle Sam than an EM.

WAC

A wedding highlighted the news around the WAC area this week. Sergeant **Ollie Badger,** WAC Detachment, and Sergeant **Fred Goldenburg** of 6930 ASU Service Detachment exchanged nuptial vows in the Letterman Chapel at 1800 hours last Friday. The bride wore a light blue suit with black accessories and carried a bouquet of sweetpeas. The couple went to Russian River for their honeymoon.

A turn-over of personnel included three additions and one subtraction from the WAC roster. The minus symbol is personified by the leaving of Corporal **"Pat" Farrell,** who is being sent to Madigan General Hospital for assignment, after completing of her training here. The additions include Sergeants **Mary J. Fulham** and **Anna B. Roorda,** both physiotherapy technicians. Sgt. Fulham's former station was Madigan General Hospital, and Sgt. Roorda arrived here from Tilton General Hospital. Another newcomer is Private Mildred Brown, on duty with the 352nd General Hospital, a reserve unit which is currently serving its active duty at Letterman.

Sergeant **Dorothy (Guy) Holly** is on a 17 day leave, utilizing her vacation by visiting friends in the Bay Area.

Sergeant First Class **Julia Brew** is a patient on Ward O-1, and Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** is a patient on Ward P.

Ex- Sergeant **Dorothy Coleman** gave birth to a seven pound, four ounce baby boy last Saturday. The proud parents named the newcomer James Darrell.

Seen Around the WAC Areas: **"Little Toot's"** crutches being adjusted to fit the frame of Private **Lilly Roberts,** who recently sprained her ankle. Private **Beth Bryson** limping around with her knee encased in an ACE bandage. Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** carefully guarding her arm against abuse after receiving her immunization shots. Sergeant **Jane Jones** vainly attempting to quiet her neighbor's alarm clock, and finally, in desperation, crushing her pillow over the noise-maker.

Today's housewife works only one-fourth as hard as her mother; one-eighth as much as grandma.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 19 June 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Eisenhower Lauds Nurses of War II For Aid in Victory

Speaking as a "soldier," General Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, paid a glowing tribute in a speech recently to the American nursing corps in World War II.

The General spoke to the graduating class of the Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York City during the school's 55th commencement exercises.

He told the graduates and guests present for the ceremonies:

"I have never been prouder of American womanhood than while watching the nursing corps at work during the war."

The former Supreme Commander of the European forces said he wanted to "pay my personal tribute to the noble profession and to the individuals in it."

The General added that "I am not going to attempt to do so as an official of the University in whose uniform I sometimes feel falsefully strut. I am coming here as a soldier of the past war to try to tell you just a little of what the nurses meant to victory."

"I had to bear the responsibility for the lives, the comforts, the health, the convenience, everything that affected three million Americans in an atmosphere and area of tragedy and drama," he said.

"Naturally, anyone bearing such responsibility on his shoulders had to have tremendous and well-organized assistance. Among those I had, none were more necessary, none more brilliantly performed its work than the nursing corps," the General concluded.

Among the graduates were nine girls who are veterans of the Armed Forces.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HARRIET B. KLEIN
Private

When Private Harriet B. Klein joined the WAC, she looked forward to the chance to see what the rest of the country—outside of her native Bronx—looked like.

Born and reared in the Bronx, Private Klein had been beyond the limits of the New York borough only as far as Manhattan. She smilingly says a subway fare increase encouraged her decision to enlist.

She enlisted for two years in New York 27 December 1948, and her first "tour" took her to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training, after which she was assigned directly to Letterman.

Private Klein was first assigned to X-ray, shifted to the Hospital Service Branch and then reassigned, to Out-Patient Service in the latest shift nine days ago.

She recalls that she once stood inspection with 50 ward corpsmen while with the hospital service branch.

The 20-year-old member of the WAC was graduated from William Howard Taft High School in the Bronx in June, 1947, and later attended medical assistant's school, the Mandl School for Medical Assistants on Manhattan for a year.

Before joining the WAC, Private Klein worked for four months as an X-ray technician.

Her post-Army plans include college, and study in psychology because, she says, she likes people. She also likes dramatics, and among sports, ping pong, swimming and fishing.

Private Klein's interest in science was developed in high school, where, she says, she studied even the technical side of radio in an effort to learn what field of endeavor she would like.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Corporal **Edward Kroeger** and three buddies on ward E-2 had moved their wheelchairs to a table in the day room and were diligently working a jigsaw puzzle when they were confronted with an upsetting situation.

"I need a wheelchair patient to pose for a picture," said a public relations reporter.

The four men kept fitting pieces into the jigsaw puzzle. Silence. Kroeger looked toward **Philip Trine,** a veteran; Trine glanced at Master Sergeant **John Bays,** and **Robert M. Thomas,** a veteran, just looked.

A usual exchange of "you go aheads" was voiced before the visitor resorted to a sort of lottery. In the meantime, Sgt. Bays had disappeared through a nearby door.

Four pieces of paper were folded, and the word "go" was written on one. The paper was placed in a service hat, and it was Kroeger who drew the "go," and go he did to pose for a picture used this week in the San Francisco News in connection with the publicity for the Community Chest.

Cpl. Kroeger, who has spent more than five years in various hospitals, considered himself "unlucky," even though he drew himself into the limelight of the press.

Busy working on copper tooling in the occupational therapy shop is Corporal William Creveston, ward M-2.

At least eight patients pocketed "lucky bucks" after answering questions correctly on the coffee-time quiz show at the recreation hall this week and last.

The list includes **James J. Roach,** veteran of ward K-1; Private First Class **Gerald Martin,** ward K-2; Sergeant **Edward D. Kelly,** ward M-2; Private **Donald A. Wyman,** ward M-2. and Private First Class **Walter A. Baily,** ward 42, all winners last week.

Right answers were provided this week by **Walter R. Johnson,** ward 29; Private First Class **Lemuel E. Vaughn,** ward 2, and Sergeant **James A. Coventry,** ward 30.

Eighty-five ambulatory patients from Letterman were taken to a special review of Spike Jones' show downtown last Monday afternoon under Red Cross auspices. Another 50 patients attended the California Rodeo at Salinas, California, Friday, through the RC program of off-post trips to special events.

Becoming quite expert in handling wheelchairs are **Jerry** and **David Edgmon,** ward D-1. The boys both seem to be "safe drivers" while patrolling the ramps.

Private First Class **Ortho Heckert,** ward C-2, has resumed his work on projects in the occupational therapy shop after a recent operation.

Gage Rodman, a former Letterman patient, was back this week, visiting and renewing acquaintances.

Patients interested in chess competition will find Sergeant First Class **Myron Rose,** a ready opponent. Sgt. Rose, president of the Chess Club, has been "burning the midnight oil" in an effort to qualify to have his name placed on the perpetual tournament trophy again. He has twice had his name on the trophy and the third time would mean he keeps it. Scheduled for overseas shipment in the near future, Sgt. Rose would like to take the trophy with him.

Captain **Bill Miller,** ward D-2, received a get-well card from his friends on the ward. The card contained several coppers, with an expression of hope that Capt. Miller get well and about soon to spend them.

Under the guidance of Mrs. **Margaret Mery,** USAFI teacher, Private First Class **James Roe,** ward 42, is studying subjects essential to gaining that valuable little piece of paper known as a high school equivalency certificate.

Maintaining his interest in music and musical appreciation is Private First Class **Rudy Barragan,** ward N-2. Barragan studies with Mrs. Hazel Lindsey, music teacher.

A patient on ward E-1 is Corporal **Robert Hulen,** from Centralia, Missouri. Anybody from Centralia might drop in to see him and pass along the good word.

Moving his wheelchair at double time along the ramp recently was **Morris B. Loughran,** ward D-2, with a thermometer in his mouth and a pitcher of coffee between his knees. He was heading back to the ward from the mess hall.

ON THE SPOT



THOMAS NILON
Corporal

Corporal Thomas Nilon, stationed in Europe twice during his seven-year Army career, has been supervisor of custodial service maintenance at the recreation hall here for 15 months.

He entered the Army through selective service 26 July 1942, and was assigned to the 360th Engineering Replacement Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

At Cailborne, he shifted to the 498th Engineers Heavy Shop Company and stayed with that outfit until shortly before his discharge in October, 1945. He was stationed in England from September, 1943, until September, 1944, when he went to the European continent, serving in France and Belgium.

When he re-enlisted in the Army 26 February 1946, he was sent first to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and then to Fort Belvoir again, where he was assigned briefly to Company D, Seventh Battalion, Engineers.

Another brief assignment, at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, preceded his shift to Fort Dix and Camp Kilmer for processing and shipment overseas. He was sent to Germany, where he served with the 43rd Engineers for eight months before returning to the states to proceed to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Corporal Nilon, a resident of Philadephia when he entered service, came to Letterman from Fort Lewis in February, 1948, and went to work for custodial service.

He completed another three-year term of enlistment last 26 February and re-enlisted for three more years, taking a 30-day leave before continuing duty.

As for pastimes, he likes swimming, bowling and tennis.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mary Reinert of Civilian Personnel resumed her duties this week after a wonderful but short vacation spent near Truckee in the Sierras.

Margaret Tang of the Laboratory Service was present at the reception of her brother, **Richard Tang,** who made his final vows in the Franciscan Order at San Luis Rey, California this week.

Mrs. **Frances Parry** of the Laundry is spending a week in Calistoga with her mother and daughter.

Mrs. **Mary Beswick** is enjoying a restful two weeks in San Francisco.

Popular **Iris Becker** of the Hospital Servce Branch is now working the night shift as a ward attendant.

Gwen Scopin of the Baggage Room entertained her daughter and son at dinner after exercises at St. Ignatius School, in which her son, **Kevin McCready,** was graduated. He will enter the University of San Francisco in the fall.

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic visited friends in Soquel recently.

Three new employees of Letterman welcomed this week are Doctor **Masako Moriya,** Dental Clinic; **Edith Peyronnin,** clerk-stenographer in the Orthopedic Service and **Lorin Ainger** of the Laboratory Service. Lorin Ainger is not a total stranger around here. He worked at Letterman last summer.

Gordon Sauers of the Receiving Office is now the proud father of a baby girl, Phyllis, born 24 May, and weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Bowling

Sergeant First Class Eleanor Eaton's WACs held the lead in the Women's Bowling League this week with nine wins and six losses. Second was the PT team with eight wins and seven losses.

Lieut. Leith Shaffer's 144 average topped individual standings.

The U. S. has been without a Vice President 15 times due to deaths of Presidents.

Captain Kidd was hanged—not for piracy—but for killing one of his crew.

Coney Island's roller coaster—fastest in the world—hits a speed of 70 m.p.h.

LETTERMAN'S NEWEST OT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HER WORK, PAINTING, ARCHERY



Second Lieutenant AVIS M. REDFIELD, WMSC
The newest occupational therapist at Letterman

Second Lieutenant Avis M. Redfield, WMSC, has been assigned to Letterman's occupational therapy clinic since 1 June, when she was transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California.

Lieut. Redfield was commissioned 16 August 1948 after she had completed the final phase of clinical training at McCornack. She also had trained at Shepherd-Enoch Pratt Hospital in Baltimore; Gallinger Crippled Children's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; East Bay Children's Hospital in Oakland and Duarte Sanatorium, Duarte, California.

A resident of Los Angeles, where her mother teaches Spanish at Eagle Rock High School, Lieut. Redfield was born in Mexico City. Her parents lived in Mexico for five years while her father was wholesale manager for drug and restaurant firms.

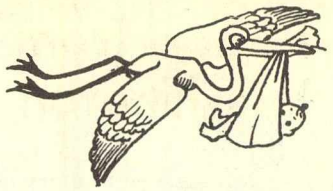
She attended Franklin High School in Los Angeles and Los Angeles City College and was graduated from the University of Southern California with a bachelor of sciences degree. She studied occupational therapy throughout her college years.

Enthusiastic about her work, she likes the Army "very much" because of the many cases treated and because of the fact that in the Army "you do have the equipment to work with."

She is particularly interested in hand treatment cases.

Besides the background sketch, Lieut. Redfield's biographical outline would not be complete, of course, without mention of a current event. On 2 July, at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco, she will be married to Dr. John D. Rutledge, a former Army captain now in residency at the University of California hospital in San Francisco. She plans to continue her career.

Water color painting is a hobby Lieut. Redfield has been pursuing "ever since I can remember." She studied two years of art in junior college. She also likes to swim and is interested in archery. At City College, she was a member of the women's intercollegiate championship archery team.



31 May

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Chester L. Blackwell, a boy, **Steve Leroy.**

1 June

To Major and Mrs. Gus C. Francis, a girl, **Linda.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harry L. Cadwalader, a boy, **Stephen Gregory.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Victor A. Lambert, a girl, **Jo Ann.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John J. Coughlin, a boy, **Thomas Anthony.**

2 June

To Sgt. and Mrs. Roland Y. Woo, a boy, **Raymond.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Dee Kelly, Jr., a boy, **John Lee.**

4 June

To Pfc. and Mrs. Eligah R. Williams, Jr., a girl, **Linda Ruth.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William W. Learned, a girl, **Anne Elizabeth.**

5 June

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Cleveland Harmon, a girl, **Loyce Lynn.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles C. Scott, a girl, **Sandra Louise.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James M. Carrigan, a girl, **Patricia Kay.**

6 June

To 1st Lt .and Mrs. Daniel Jakovich, Jr., a girl, **Judy Ann.**

More About VA OFFERS GRANTS

(Continued from Page 1)

received from disabled veterans.

The Veterans Administration is charged with determining that the applicant's disability is one within the scope of the law; that it is medically feasible for the veteran to live in the house; that he has sufficient income to carry the property, and that the particular home selected is adapted to his needs.

In addition to Federal grants, many local communities are providing assistance to paralyzed veterans in connection with their housing programs. Local governments, veterans organizations, labor groups and real estate boards in many instances, the VA said, have contributed such additional aid as tax exemptions, local grants, gifts of land, materials and labor, and other free services.

Report from Washington

Because of heavy attrition, Army recruiting has been stepped up, with quota restrictions removed until further notice. Return to the two-year enlistment option is being considered.

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Further regulation of the enlistment of former Army commissioned and warrant officers provides: A soldier discharged from first grade status to accept a commission, may reenlist in grade one upon application within six months of relief from commissioned duty, regardless of physical status. But a soldier discharged from a grade lower than one, or no Regular enlisted status, must apply for enlistment immediately upon relief from active commissioned duty, in order to get grade one. If he accepts cash settlement for accrued leave, instead of carrying it over to enlisted status, he cannot ordinarily enlist in grade one.

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The Air Force Aid Society re-elected Captain Eddie Rickenbacker president of the Board of Trustees at its recent annual meeting.

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A new evening dress uniform for Marine Corps officers, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, eliminates the ornate sleeves and collar decorations formerly prescribed. The jacket collar is of the closed, standing type, provided with hooks and eyes. Shoulder straps are piped with gold, attached by a gilt button. Jacket and trousers are dark blue, worn with a white, two-stud, stiff-bosomed, standing-collar shirt, and four-button white vest.

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A uniform building pass for civilian and enlisted personnel for all NME buildings in the Capital area has been approved by Defense Secretary Johnson. Its use will be required after normal business hours. Commissioned officers will use their official identification cards.

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A bill passed by the House and sent to the Senate authorizes commissioning of women doctors, dentists, veterinarians and other medical specialists in the Army Medical Corps with the same pay and allowances as men. Family allowances would not be paid for husband and children, however, unless they actually were dependent.

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Army enlisted personnel returning from overseas assignments with less than 120 days of effective service remaining in current enlistments will be discharged for the convenience of the Government if they declare their intention not to re-enlist. The option applies only to those who enlisted prior to June 25, 1948.

AN ALL-AROUND ATHLETE GUIDES THE MEN OF CUSTODIAL SERVICE HERE



Master Sergeant DAVID G. RANSOM
Supervisor, Letterman Custodial Service

Guiding the men who guide the brooms, mops and buffers at Letterman is Master Sergeant David G. Ransom, supervisor of custodial service since 20 September 1948.

Sgt. Ransom, an all-around athlete, was drafted in January, 1941, to begin a varied, eight-and-a-half year Army career which has taken him to many stations in the United States and twice overseas.

He has been a cadreman, cook, mess sergeant and first sergeant. As an athlete, he has boxed, played basketball, softball, baseball and football. He handled a right halfback assignment with Xavier University in New Orleans, captured a middleweight crown in New Orleans, and fought in exhibition bouts in the heavyweight class while in Europe.

After basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, he stayed there as a cadreman, moved to the mess department as a cook and became mess sergeant before he was transferred to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and a quartermaster truck company.

When he went to the European threatre in June, 1944, he was assigned as a mess sergeant but was later appointed as first sergeant of the 3417th quartermaster truck company. He stayed with the truck company throughout Europe.

Discharged 9 December 1945, he re-enlisted for three years and eventually went overseas again, this time to Korea where he spent 26 months. While at Seoul, Lorea, Sgt. Ransom was first sergeant of the 512th and 175th MP platoon, 3240 Service Company and 570th quartermaster repair company. He returned to the states in September, 1948, and was assigned directly to Letterman.

In Europe, his truck company was used to move supplies from St. Lo to Belgium.

Sgt. Ransom also has been stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort Benning, Georgia, and Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

He likes the Army, plans to make a career of it and likes his job as custodial service supervisor. He is proud of a commendation the service received from the commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, for its record of work.

MEDICAL DETACH

Shifted a grade up, from recruit to private, this week were 37 men stationed with the detachment.

The list includes **Clyde Adkins, David Allen, Jack Allewelt, Frank A. Baker, Theodore R. Bass, Sylvester Bell, Kenneth C. Dove, Canton Dunson, Leroy H. Esnard, Willie R. Faison, Leopold Finley, Cleon C. Floyd. Isaac I. Glapion, Joe Goins, Jr., Clestino R. Gomez, John D. Good, Chester J. Gray, Clifton E. Guyton, Eddie Hall.**

Clarence J. Ham, Haybert C. Harris, James Hayden, Clifford Hazwood, Elijah Holmes, Joe Jackson, Timothy Jenkins, Clarence Jones, Evina Jones, Fred D. Jones, Ned B. Kellywood, Edward Landry, Edward L. Lawrence, Bernard A. LeBlanc, Jerry C. Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Jr., George J. Lomax and **Joe Nease.**

Private First Class **Harold Brown,** recently promoted from private, was transferred this week from Troop I. & E. to the Sixth Army, where he will be stationed with 6002 ASU Veterinary detachment on the Presidio.

Re-enlisted for the Far East Command were four men, Private **Charles V. Biely,** Private **Arthur E. Lowell,** Private **Bruce J. Yax,** and Private **Robert J. Chase.** Chase is spending a re-enlistment leave in Maquoketa, Iowa.

Private First Class **Lawrence A. Prophet, Sr.,** assigned to custodial service, has re-enlisted and will spend his 20 days leave in Sandusky, Ohio.

Now on a re-enlistment leave to Terral, Oklahoma, is Sergeant First Class C. J. Ashland of the MP force.

Soon to go on furlough are Sergeant First Class **Frank B. Zbrubek,** Master Sergeant **Daniel T. Barry,** Sergeant **Lloyd W. Woodbury,** Corporal **Oscar A. Nolasco** and Sergeant First Class **Louis C. Morris.**

Medical School Open To Guard Officers

Washington (AFPS)—The Army's Graduate Professional Education Program for medical officers has been expanded to include National Guard officers.

The courses, approved by the Army Surgeon General and recently announced by Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, begin on July 1, and will involve a full year of graduate professional training at Army General Hospitals.

An initial quota of 10 residencies in orthopedics and three in physical medicine have been assigned to the National Guard. Officers accepted for this training will receive full pay and allowances.

The Army also announces that plans currently are under study for expanded participation of National Guard medical officers in the Army program of graduate medical study, which provides approved training in the various fields of medical and surgical specialties.

Pamphlet Tells How To Survive Through An 'A' Bomb Attack

Washington (AFPS) — Would you know what to do if an atomic bomb burst near you? A recent publication issued to the Armed Forces has the answer to this and other questions concerning conduct in the event of such an attack.

Would you jump or run away? If so, to where would you run? Would you lie flat until the shock passed and then go to the aid of others near you?

If you follow the instructions contained in the Armed Forces pamphlet, you will do none of these things.

The pamphlet states that, if warned in advance of an atom attack, seek an air raid shelter, deep basement or a subway, as some measure of protection against both the blast and the bomb's deadly rays. If that's impossible find a ditch or ravine, protecting the eyes from the brilliant flash.

"Do not spread rumors. Enough confusion will exist without adding to it," the pamphlet warns.

Should an attack be a contaminating burst, cover up with a raincoat or even a piece of paper, to keep poisonous water or dirt from you. If it is raining stay out of the rain—it may be contaminated. Don't pick up souvenirs—for the same reason. "Take a shower, scrubbing completely after exposure," the book concludes.



ANC AND WMSC—352nd GH-RES.
Front row, L to R: Capt. Mary M. Maslin, ANC, chief nurse; Major Almira A. Lanfear, ANC; Capt. Alice R. Moore, ANC; Capt. Elizabeth A. Wilde, ANC.
Center, L to R: Pvt. Mildred M. Brown, WAC; 1st Lt. Clarabelle S. Winder, ANC; 1st Lt. Inez M. Bissell, ANC; 1st Lt. Jean L. Granger, WMSC; 2nd Lt. Muriel C. Powell, WMSC.
Back row, L to R: 1st Lt. Virginia L. Waddill, ANC; 1st Lt. Ila M. Kidd, ANC; 1st Lt. Margaret C. Duffy, ANC; 1st Lt. Beryl J. Tiedeman, ANC.

LITES & MIKES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Problem Child. . . . MGM cut off **Margaret O'Brien's** $3000 a week at her own request. Child star's conflict was caused by her mother's marriage to a prominent bandleader. Now an annulment is pending, so Margaret will probably condescend to be the breadwinner again.

Challenge to the Crown. . . . **Anne Sterling,** whose fame is Hoopering just as high as **Jane Russell's** (and for the same reasons) is currently slaying Video audiences just by being splashed across the screen.

Fred Astaire. . . . **Edmond O'Brien** acquired a dislocated shoulder in a fight scene for *White Heat.*

Hollywooddities. . . . **Danny Kaye** pocketed the National Film Award in London—hitherto strictly reserved for British stars. . . . Filmland is getting around to making a satire on the immortal Horse Opera. *Grand Canyon* will be a parody of a Western that includes the ladder used by the hero to mount his nag. . . . This must be a record! **Gary Cooper** has made love to 67 of Cinemaville's beauties—on screen, of course. . . . You might be disappointed with **Esther William's** thrushing of the new hit "Baby, it's Cold Outside" in the aquacade pix *Neptune's Daughter.* Although the record was banned on many radio stations, the celluloid version could be sung at any Ladies Aid Society.

Transcontinental. . . . Rumor says **Ray Bolger** is receiving movie offers for a screen rehash of *Where's Charley?* None have been accepted yet. . . . The top-drawer terpsichorean wore out three pairs of shoes filming one act in his last movie, *Look For The Silver Lining.* . . . Administrators for *Finian's Rainbow* rejected a movie rights offer for $500,000 when the show opened.

Answering the Veterans Queries

In order to receive prompt replies to letters addressed to the Veterans Administration, veterans are urged to "write right" by fully identifying themselves.

The annual volume of mail received by VA totals more than 125,000,000 pieces.

The VA District 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) with more than 1,500,000 veterans received more than 14,000,000 pieces of mail during the 12 months ending May 31.

Each piece of incoming mail requires an answer or some administrative action. With the cases of a million and a half veterans, plus thousands of dependents, in their files it is imperative that each veteran fully indentify himself when writing the VA.

If the veteran observes the following simple rules he will expedite his correspondence with VA:

1. Write only when absolutely necessary.

2. When writing, include full name, Army or Navy service number, address and C-number (if assigned one by VA), or N-number (if a letter pertains to G.I. insurance).

Each day's mail brings some letters which defy reply. Letters are received with only the signature of "John Johnson" or "Sam Smith." There are thousands of Johnsons and Smiths in VA files.

Question: Does a veteran have to be honorably discharged to be awarded montary benefits by VA?

Answer: Under existing laws, it is not necessary for a veteran to have an honorable discharge to be awarded benefits. However, it is necessary that he be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Question: As a World War II veteran, will I have to pay a fee to have someone represent me in my claim for benefits for VA?

Answer: If you are represented by an official of an accredited service organization or the American Red Cross, there is no fee. If you are represented by a lawyer or agent who has been admitted to practice before VA, such attorney or agent is permitted to charge $10 in an original claim, or $2 in a claim for increased benefits.

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New Post Theatre Being Fashioned From Old OT Shop

Workmen were busy this week converting building 1062, the old OT diversional shop, into a consolidated post theatre for Letterman.

The work, underway for about three weeks, is being directed by post engineers. F. F. Amandes, principal engineer, said the theatre will be arranged to seat 380 persons "comfortably," although an audience of 500 may be accommodated.

A special section will be provided for wheelchairs.

Modern in all respects, the theatre will feature regular theatre-type seating with a sloping floor and a "traveling" screen, built on wheels to permit its removal for entertainment other than motion pictures.

Stage shows will be possible in the new theatre. A stage measuring 28 feet deep by 30 feet wide will be constructed.

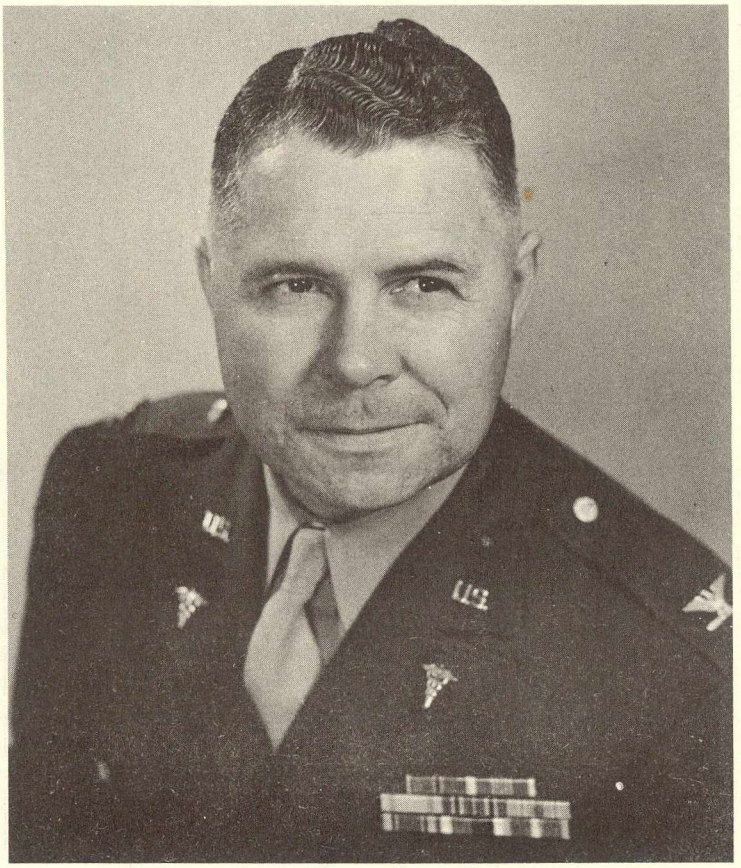
For projection, the theatre, Mr. Amandes said, will employ a transparent screen with its projection room located behind the screen.

This method will be used rather than the conventional system because the theatre's low ceiling would hamper projection. The theatre will be one of only two in San Francisco using the rear projection method, Mr. Amandes noted.

The theatre will be air-conditioned, will have rest rooms and three dressing rooms for entertainers performing there. It will be finished in modern color schemes and will have a special finish on the walls to permit the best of acoustics, the engineer said.

Work on the theatre should be completed within 60 days, he added.

Presently, movies are shown daily, except Monday, at the theatre at Crissy Annex and at the Recreation Hall. The new theatre will consolidate the entertainment centers.



Colonel JAMES B. STAPLETON, MC
Pro Tempore Commanding Officer

Colonel Stapleton Assumes Command

Colonel James B. Stapleton, Deputy Commander and Executive Officer, assumed command of Letterman this week for the duration of the absence of General Cole on leave.

This action is in keeping with the policy of the Surgeon General to free high ranking officers on the professional services from the necessity of assuming administrative control "in addition to other duties" during the absence of the commanding officer.

Colonel Stapleton, who has been here since September of last year, holds a degree in Hospital Administration from Northwestern University, and was among the first officers selected for specialization in administrative duties in the Medical Department.

Colonel Kermit H. Gates, who was the predecessor of Col. Stapleton as Letterman Executive Officer, has just completed a course in Hospital Administration at the University of California, and will assume command of the Station Hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, next month.

Air Force Lists New Regulations on Re-Enlistments

Changes in regulations governing re-enlistments in the Air Force were announced this week by Captain George Danko, commanding officer of the USAF Detachment of Patients at Letterman.

One change cuts the re-enlistment "grace" period. Effective 1 September, an airman must re-enlist within 30 days after discharge—rather than the now effective 90 days—to retain his grade.

These changes also were effected:

1. All airmen last discharged in grade four who have completed six years or more of active federal service will be re-enlisted without regard to the number of dependents provided re-enlistment is accomplished within a specified period.

2. All airmen in the lower four grades who marry on or after 1 July 1949 without permission of their organization commander will be ineligible for re-enlistment in the Air Force, with some exceptions.

3. Airmen last discharged in grade four who have completed less than six years of active federal service and all airmen last discharged in one of the lower three grades, having dependents, will be re-enlisted only with prior approval of the wing commander or equivalent.

A circular said requests for approval under the preceding condition must originate with and be recommended by the individual's unit commander at least 30 days prior to expiration of term of service.

Factors to be considered by the commanders include the probable future value of the individual; prior training, experience and quality of his service; ability of the individual to adequately support his dependents on current pay and allowances, and the probability that the airman can reasonably be expected to attain promotion to one of the first four grades during the subsequent enlistment period.

The ROTC Students Who Are Attending Training Sessions Here

Now underway at Letterman is the first of two ROTC summer training camps for medical and dental students under a newly inaugurated program of the Department of the Army.

The camp is being attended by 31 medical students from the University of Oklahoma Medical School and 15 dental students from Washintgon University, St. Louis, Missouri.

The camp, a two-phase program being operated as a unit, represents a departure from the former procedure of assigning medical and dental students to regular summer training units.

The new training program, scheduled at various other Army hospitals in addition to Letterman, features professional observation and training as well as study of basic military essentials.

Both phases of the camp are six weeks in duration. The second summer training camp here will open 31 July.

The current training program opened 1 May with the arrival of Oklahoma medical students, followed 12 days later by the dental students.

The medical phase of the program will continue through 9 July, and the dental phase through 22 July.

The students, all veterans of World War II, are quartered at Crissy Annex. They are assigned by camp officers to various clinics and services to observe and study procedures and methods in effect here.

In attending the summer camp, the students are completing a basic requirement for commissions in the ORC after receiving their appropriate degrees.

The training program here is being directed by Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general of Letterman, as commandant. It is hospital-wise, and is being conducted with the cooperation of the various clinics and services.

Completely, the program involves training and instruction in military subjects, but the maximum time and emphasis is being placed on the instruction of the students—with opportunity to study—in military medical and dental requirements, policies and procedures by instruction and experience in wards, clinics and laboratories in the hospital.



These medical and dental students from the University of Oklahoma and Washington University at St. Louis are participating in a summer ROTC training camp at Letterman. The camp is the first of two scheduled here this summer.

Military subjects studied include organization of medical department units, internal organization of hospitals, organization of the Army and military law.

Instruction in some phases of the program is being conducted on a classroom basis, but in most of the work, students are assigned to doctors or dentists who act as instructors.

Students also have been rotated throughout the hospital to allow as complete training as possible. Those assigned to certain wards, clinics and labs for the first three weeks have been shifted to others and vice versa.

During their stay at Letterman, the ROTC studeuts, whose instruction hours are from 0800 to 1630, are welcomed to all hospital recreational facilities also.

When the second camp opens here 31 July, attending will be medical students from the University of California Medical School in San Francisco and dental students from the College of Physicans and Surgeons, San Francisco.

In addition to Letterman, summer training programs also are being conducted at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Oliver General Hospital, Brooke General Hospital, Percy Jones General Hospital, Madigan General Hospital, Valley Forge General Hospital and Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Attending the summer camp at Letterman are these medical students, residents of Oklahoma City and vicinity:

Charles E. Baker, Vincent C. Bash, Jr., Walter E. Blevins, Charles Brake, Richard S. Bryan, Alan C. Cameron, Jr., Frank W. Clark, Bryce H. Cochran, Carl G. Coin, James W. Coin, Jr., James C. Glenn, Kenneth E. Godfrey, Eugene A. Hale.

Daniel G. Hansen, Thomas H. Henley, William L. Hulen, James P. Jobe, Robert D. Jones, Wilton N. Jones, Rex E. Kenyon, Ray V. McIntyre, Robert D. Mercer, Philip E. Morgan.

Paul G. Smith, Louis M. Theimer, Jr., Howard D. Tuttle, David C. Valder, Leonard A. Wall, Thomas Wright and Philip B. Smtih.

The dental students, all listed from Washington University, St. Louis, include Marvin H. Bohnencamp, William C. Bowers, Charles E. Brady, Alvin H. Faber, Owen C. Evans, Carl W. Johnson, Jr., Roland B. Miller, William R. Patterson, Lyle L. Petersen, Delbert D. Price, Lari D. Slane, Norman R. Stoddard, Brente L. Ward, Clarence E. Whisler and Tom R. Waters.

More than 20,000 Army and Navy nurses served in World War I.

The moon travels around the earth at a rate of 38.4 m.p.h.

Comic strips were first drawn in Egypt 2000 years B.C.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



Colonel Stapleton Congratulates Bowling Champs



General Cole Congratulates Lieut. Service



Margaret Harris, Genius at 5



Be-Bop Echoes from Recreation Hall

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EDITORIAL

EFFORT

People have often explained that they could be this or that success if they could find the incentive, the will to progress along the road to eventual accomplishment. Some have never tried.

Behind most successful effort is a condition, a state of earnestness, even enthusiasm known as "heart."

A thinker named Peter Bayne had this to say:

"Without earnestness no man is ever great, or does really great things. He may be the cleverest of men; he may be brilliant, entertaining popular; but he will want weight. No soul-moving picture was ever painted that had not in it depth of shadow."

In turn, comes an anonymous contribution to the trend of thought. "The explanation of triumph is all in the first syllable" of the world; simply, try.

Whether it's a great campaign or a small, yet important, personal struggle, the end accomplished depends upon the will and "heart" to progress and win, and then the effort and plain old "try."



First Lieutenant **Ruth A. Carter,** ANC, reported to Letterman 18 June. She came here after an assignment at Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu.

Another new arrival is Captain **Jennie Goldstein,** ANC, who reported 17 June. Capt. Goldstein was assigned to Letterman after a tour of duty in Austria.

Leaving the service 30 June is First Lieutenant **Anne B. Zunich,** ANC. Lieut. Zunich has been on duty at Letterman since 28 February 1947.

First Lieutenant **Margaret Abbott,** ANC, has taken a 30-day leave. She has gone to her home in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Major **Carrie E. Barrett,** ANC, operating room supervisor, is enjoying a leave in Virginia, while Captain **Patricia F. Dolan** is taking a 30-day leave. Capt. Dolan is visiting Los Angeles prior to reporting to Texas for several months of schooling.

Miss **Mae Kennedy,** a civilian nurse at Letterman, has taken leave for 30 days.

Three members of the ANC reserve currently are taking training at Letterman. They are Captain **Elsie M. Hard,** Richmond, California; First Lieutenant **Ruth T. Kretsch,** New Uln, Minnesota, and First Lieutenant **Muriel I. Palmer,** Klamath Falls, Oregon. Capt. Hard will be here for 30 days, and Lieut. Kretsch, for two weeks.

First Lieutenant **Dorothy Nichols,** WMSC, of PT has taken a week-end pass to visit in Palo Alto.

Interested?

General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, announced today that applications are being received for commissions in the newly created Air Force Medical Reserve. Physicians, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel who served with the Army Air Forces during the war may make application through the Air Adjutant General, U. S. Air Force, in Washington.

WAC

Another casualty has been added to the squad room in upstairs 214X. Private First Class **Pat Leedham,** in rushing to answer the telephone, fell down the stairs and sustained some bruises and bumps on the way down.

Sergeant **Jane Jones** entertained her sister last Sunday when she was here for a short visit before departing for the Orient.

Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg** is a regular customer for the Special Services activities, and she can be seen almost every evening going to boxing matches, ball games or other scheduled events.

Sergeant **Frances Walker** went to Los Angeles to attend the graduation ceremonies of her brother and sister.

The WAC bowling team defeated its opponents two games out of three last Monday night, bringing it in the lead with 11 wins and 7 losses.

Three more WACs are overseas bound. Sergeant First Class **Grace Davis** reported to Camp Stoneman Thursday for shipment to Japan, and Sergeants First Class **Lestie Roach** and **Ellie Eaton** have been alerted to report to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for shipment to Europe in July.

Sergeant First Class **Julia Brew** is enjoying a three-day pass in Monterey.

Sergeant **Nancy Banvard** has joined the rank of tax-payers. Nancy bought a home in Mill Valley, where she plans to enjoy the pastime of living in solitude with her dog, "Honey" upon discharge from the Army.

Seen and Heard Around the WAC Area: Several members of the detachment re-making their beds in the wee hours of the morning after finding that they had been short-sheeted; a friendly argument in the WAC dayroom concerning the issue as to whether "Big Rock Candy Mountain" or Iturbi's rendition of "Polonaise" will be put on the turntable; upstairs 212 looking rather barren since the departure of several of its occupants; the supply sergeant putting in some overtime to take care of the necessary preliminaries in establishing the new clothing allowance system; the new lamps for the day-room adding a touch of smartness, and giving the dayroom a homey atmosphere.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 26, May 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Letterman Team Leads Golf Play

Letterman's golf team was 21 strokes ahead of the field in the Southern playoffs of the Sixth Army tournament as the Foghorn went to press.

First Liuetenant Oliver M. Rajala and Major Douglas E. Ramsey held second and third places, respectively, in the medal phase of the tourney on the Presidio club's links. Lieut. Rajala had a 75-77 card and Major Ramsey, 82-72.

Other team members include Lieutenant Colonel Donald B. Lenkerd, Major Max Smith and Major Wendell B. Patton, alternate.

In the play, Letterman is competing against entries from the Presidio, Fort Scott, Fort Mason, Camp Stoneman, Fort Ord, Camp Cooke and Fort MacArthur.

The winning team will go to Fort Lewis, Washington, to compete against the Northern division winner July 4-6. The all-Army playoffs will be held at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, late in July.

Library

"East Side, West Side" is Marcia Davenport's new novel. (Remember, she wrote "Valley of Decision?") This new one describes with gusto, and in detail, whole chunks of New York. The story is that of a crumbling marriage in the midst of the corruption of present-day New York. The wife, Jessie Bourne, is a charming woman who cannot reconcile herself to the way in which she spends her time. The material success to which her acquaintances give their time seems empty and graceless to her. She has, too, a sentimental yearning towards those unfashionable New Yorkers who live between the East River and Lexington Ave.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JESSIE D. KING
Sergeant

The talent behind the many posters announcing Special Services events is that of Sergeant Jessie D. King, a member of the WAC for five and a half years.

Sgt. King, who now calls San Francisco her home, came to Letterman three months ago from Camp Lee, Virginia, via Sixth Army headquarters, and was assigned directly to Special Services, where she applies her drawing ability to the posters.

A civilian-life draftsman, she enlisted in the WAC in September, 1943, in Los Angeles, and took basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. After basic, she was assigned to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, and later went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for overseas training.

Sgt. King eventually went to the Pacific area — to Australia, New Guinea, Manila and Japan. While overseas, she was attached to the headqaurters of General Douglas MacArthur and worked as a draftsman.

She returned to the United States after two and a half years overseas, and was sent to Fort Jay, New York, where she was assigned for six months before reporting to Camp Lee as an athletics instructor.

A graduate of Garfield High School in Los Angeles, she majored in physical education at the University of Southern California for two years. She studied art and drafting in both high school and college as a secondary subject.

Sgt. King, the daughter of a construction engineer, was employed by the Goodrich Rubber Company —designing de-icers—before enlisting the WAC.

Now in her second enlistment, she hopes to go overseas again eventually. She re-enlisted for three years in June, 1948.

The newly appointed barracks sergeant of WAC barracks 214 plans to continue a career as a draftsman when she is discharged from service. As a pastime, she likes badminton.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The variety show at the recreation hall not so long ago afforded patients a glimpse at genius, pint-sized, in a brilliant little **Margaret Harris,** five years old.

The child took a prominent spot in the long show which also featured Dorothy Donnegan and other artists from Ciro's downtown.

Little Margaret, "very glad to be here," worked both classics and popular numbers from her piano, vocalizing on some of the tunes she played and keeping her audience entertained.

The performance of the child, who, it's said, will enter the University of Chicago for further study, was labeled "marvelous" by many candid observers with a keen ear for music. Some commented, "the kid is real great."

For correct answers on the USAFI coffee-time quiz, at least 11 Letterman patients pocketed dollars at the last two sessions.

The list includes Private First Class **Edward Phillips,** ward 40; Sergeant **Edgar D. Kelley,** ward 28; Private **Robert McDowell,** ward 2; Corporal **Duane C. Berry,** ward 2, and **Jack Sargent,** ward 40, winners 16 June.

Winners on last Tuesday's show were **George H. Wethington,** a veteran on ward 40; **William Shuan,** Jr., a veteran on ward 31; Private First Class **John Upton,** ward 40; Sergeant **Thomas P. Sloane,** ward 41; Private First Class **Edward K. Killian;** Private First Class **Herbert G. True** and Corporal **Duane Berry.**

As you may note, Cpl. Berry was on hand twice, and both times profited in using his knowledge to respond to the questions asked by KLGH quizmasters.

Next Tuesday at 1330, there will be no regular concert by the 358th Army Band. Instead, a concert in brass will be conducted by **Herman C. Trutner, III,** of Oakland.

The concert, featuring works for brass ensemble, will include classics and light clasical works. The brass section of the band, including ten members, will be directed by Mr. Trutner in the persentation.

Mr. Trutner, a member of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, has been teaching brass ensemble among band members for three months under the Information and Education program.

A familiar sight near the outside approaches to ward E-2 these sunny days is a "formation" of bed patients, beds and all, enjoying the rays of Old Sol.

Master Sergeant **John Bays,** ward E-2, has been spending his time working in the occupational therapy shop.

Quite enthusiastic in educational pursuit is Corporal **Hellmuth Schreimer,** ward K-. The corporal, who has attended a couple of Army schools, has been successful with USAFI's College Level general educational development test, and at least three correspondence courses. He lately has applied for another course.

Private First Class **James Barresi,** a member of the medical detachment, is visiting the coffee shop lately in other than his usual attire. Now in blues, he's a patient on ward C-1.

Captain **George Bryan,** ward D-2, winner of the Chess Club Trophy for May, has the trophy placed beside his bed, and to top off his victory, he wears a special "champ's" crown.

Charles Piper, a veteran on ward D-2, has been seen sporting a cane lately, a snappy replacement for the wheelchair.

Colonel **John Henninger,** formerly of ward D-2, left Letterman Wednesday and headed back to civilian life, via retirement, after a long stay here.

It's reported that Captain **Bill Miller,** patient on ward D-2, keeps himself happy by playing and replaying the popular record, "Baby, It's Cold Outside." His buddies fear that somebody will have to buy another record to force the tune off the one-song hit parade.

Captain **Margaret C. Stafford,** ANC, former nurse on ward D-2, now headed overseas, is keeping up cheer on the ward by sending back cards and notes of cheer.

ON THE SPOT



HAROLD E. SPADY
Private First Class

Private First Class Harold E. Spady, whose term of enlistment will end next month, is a microphotographer in Letterman's microfilm section. His job is to photograph files for record on small film.

Pfc. Spady, whose home town is San Leandro, 20 miles from San Francisco, has been at Letterman since April, 1948. He came here originally as a patient, and was assigned to duty in October, 1948.

Enlisted in the Army in San Francisco in September, 1946, he went overseas in December, 1946, after basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Overseas, he was first assigned to the 3195th Signal Service at Leghorn, Italy, where he stayed for four months before shifting to the 18th Signal Service Company in Trieste. After five months there, he went on temporary duty to the 7718th EUCOM Signal School in Germany to study teletype repair.

Pfc. Spady, who had been a radio repairman with the signal organizations, returned to Trieste in December, 1947.

While skiing at Cortina, Italy, he suffered a leg injury and was sent back to the United States and to Letterman in April, 1948.

A graduate of Hayward High School in Hayward, California, he hopes to go to work for the telephone company in San Francisco after his discharge.

He is interested in photography and radio as hobbies he developed in high school. He currently is studying the requirements for a radio operator's license, and plans to take the necesary government tests shortly after leaving the Army.

Pfc. Spady says he still likes skiing, from the standpoint of interest, but he says he doesn't dare try again.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party given by her co-workers on Monday of this week.

"Ace" Guth of Ward A-1 was suddenly taken ill last week and is now a patient in this hospital. Her many friends extend every wish for a rapid recovery.

Mrs. **Margaret Paska** of X-ray returned this week from a vacation spent in Denver, Colorado, with her daughter.

Bill O'Brien, Records Administrator, enjoyed the rodeo held in Salinas, as did **Lee Bakken** of X-ray, who also visited Carmel over the week end.

Ellen Bower of the Dental Clinic is vacationing in Arizona for two weeks.

Wilfred Wong of the Dental Clinic resigned from Letterman to continue his studies in a dentistry college.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office and her husband, **Leonard,** visited Oregon, Washington, Utah and Nevada while vacationing.

Margaret Finnigan of Crissy Field is wearing a new hairdo—very short and becoming.

Signe Anderson of the Chief Nurse's office returned to duty after an illness of several weeks.

Linda Nasey of X-ray is spending her vacation at home with her children.

Gloria Crisafulli of Military Personnel is bidding her friends goodbye as she makes preparations to move to Chicago where her husband has been ordered in his new assignment.

Louise Herbison is the newest addition to the Adjutant's office.

A Pre-Cana Conference on Marriage will be held on Sunday, 10 July, at Notre Dame College in Belmont, and young people who are engaged or recently married are invited to attend the all-day session. There will be talks by a priest, a doctor and by persons who have made a success of marriage, and parenthood. Further information may be obtained upon inquiry addressed to "Pre-Cana Conference, Young Christian Workers, St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco 2," or by contacting **Mary Bensen,** Room 201, Letterman General Hospital.

CAPT. VARGO, NURSE FOR 20 YEARS, IS VERY FOND OF LIFE IN ARMY



Captain MARGARET M. VARGO, ANC
Transferred Recently from McCornack GH

Two months ago, Captain Margaret M. Vargo, ANC, observed her 20th anniversary as a nurse. She has spent more than eight years with the Army Nurse Corps.

Capt. Vargo, was transferred to Letterman last week from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California. She is currently working as a supervisor in the office of the Chief Nurse here.

When she entered service 1 February 1941, she volunteered for one year and was stationed at the station hospital at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, throwing the United States into war.

Ordered overseas, she went to the Southwest Pacific and landed at Brisbane, Australia, in April, 1942. At Brisbane, she was assigned to the 5th Station Hospital, where she stayed until June, 1943.

Back in the states, she was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and later was assigned as chief nurse at the Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, prisoner of war camp from August, 1944, to November, 1945.

From Nebraska, she went to Camp Crowder, Missouri, where she was stationed with the general hospital until June, 1946. When Camp Crowder was closed, Capt. Vargo was transferred to McCornack, where she remained until it was closed recently.

Capt. Vargo, a native of Tiltonsville, Ohio, attended Warren Consolidated High School and trained as a nurse at Memorial Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

After graduation, she worked at Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

Capt. Vargo says she is fond of life in the Army, and smilingly adds that she intends to stay in service "until they kick me out."

Lithium is the lighest metal. A cubic foot weighs only 33 pounds.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day, July 4, 1826.



8 June

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William A. Smitherman, a boy, **Steven Otto.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry G. Strong, a girl, **Vicky Ann.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Anthony G. Guassardo, a girl, **Annette.**

9 June

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John T. Myers, II, a girl, **Cecelia Mae.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Edward C. Tadefa, a boy, **Edmond Charles.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jesse G. Hoover, Sr., a boy, **Jesse George, Jr.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. John D. James Sr., a boy, **John David, Jr.**

10 June

To Corporal and Mrs. Wayne E. Forbess, a boy, **David Leslie.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William C. Ponting, a girl, **Sarah Kathleen.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Woodrow Y. Chin, a boy, **Donald Jay.**

11 June

To Corporal and Mrs. Okey D. Coleman, a boy, **James Darrell.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin R. Grantham, a boy, **Charles Gary.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Glenn D. Grandstaff, a girl, **Sandra Lynn.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Thompson, a girl, **Nancy Roberta.**

12 June

To Corporal and Mrs. Burks C. Buttler, Sr., a boy, **Burks Charles, Jr.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Louis C. Morris, Jr., a boy, **Bret Dean.**

13 June

To Pvt. and Mrs. Norman L. Miller, a boy, **Rodney Louis.**

To Rct. and Mrs. Arthur W. Fortson, Jr., a boy, **Alvin William.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Jimmie Dee Carter, Sr., a boy, **Richard Allen.**

To Pvt. and Mrs. Homer Travis Cave, a girl, **Judith Lewis.**

14 June

To Corporal and Mrs. John Mumma, a girl, **Janet Lee.**

Named Medical Chief

Washington (AFPS)—Dr. Raymond B. Allen has been appointed temporary director of the new unified Medical Services of the Armed Forces, Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson has announced.

Dr. Allen, president of the University of Washington, will serve for three months.

Report from Washington

President Truman has signed a bill repealing a wartime requirement that 20 per cent of Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps pilots should be enlisted men.

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The papers of Orville and Wilbur Wright, aviation pioneers, have been presented to the Library of Congress by the excutors of Orville Wright's estate.

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Thirty women, including the first four enlisted women to qualify for commissions, will be appointed Regular Navy ensigns late in July.

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The Army Medical Center at Washington has been using a newly-developed instrument known as a detonator in testing the reaction time of Army vehicle drivers. The device works from the car's braking system, commencing action when a shot is fired. It then records the actual time and distance necessary for the driver to bring the car to a complete stop. A small shell explodes to mark the ground at the exact instant the brakes are applied.

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No additional Air Force planes or units will be ordered to England to increase the 8,000 personnel of the 3rd Air Division on duty there. A few administrative units will be shipped, however, to increase the strength of various undermanned organizations.

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The House Armed Services Committee has reported favorably a bill to relieve approximately 4,000 non-Regular Armed Services officers from repayment of pay received after recall to active duty for medical treatment or observation.

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The privilege extended to military personnel of mailing duty-free gift packages up to $50 value from foreign stations, will expire June 30. After that date duty will be collected and may not be prepaid by the sender. Payment of duty will be required from the recipient.

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New Army Regulations governing the elimination or demotion of officers found unsuitable for service in their specific grades will become effective July 1.

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Temporary Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve master sergeants have been granted permanent rank, as part of the Marine Corps Career Guidance program. Exceptions to the policy are Reserve master sergeants who were "organizationally" promoted to fill specific Reserve billets.

NCO IN CHARGE OF ATHLETICS IS FORMER PRO BASKETBALLER



Master Sergeant WARREN J. McBRIDE
NCO in Charge of Athletics, Special Services

The non-commissioned officer in charge of athletics for Special Services is Master Sergeant Warren J. McBride, a tall, former professional basketball center who has been in the Army for seven and a half years.

Sgt. McBride was recently shifted to his current duties from physical reconditioning, where he had been assigned since he came to Letterman last November.

He entered the Army through selective service in January, 1942, at his home-town of Bayonne, New Jersey, and was sent to Camp Davis, North Carolina, for basic training.

After basic, he stayed at Camp Davis as an instructor and was active in athletics there during 1942 and 1943.

The sergeant later went to physical reconditioning school at Fort Lewis, Washington. He says his assignment to physical reconditioning probably was influenced by his athletic record, which includes participation in pro basketball and semi-pro baseball and football.

He also had coached boys clubs in basketball, baseball and football, and taught swimming.

Sgt. McBride played center with the professional Union City, New Jersey, Reds, winner of the American Basketball League crown in 1938. He spent three years with the Reds. Because of a leg injury, he was forced to abandon his participation in professional sports.

After schooling at Fort Lewis, he was assigned to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, where he was stationed for four years with Special Services and Physical Reconditioning before transferring to Letterman.

Sgt. McBride was graduated from Bayonne Senior High School and attended Canisius College, Buffalo, New York. Before entering the professional ranks, he played with various company teams.

His father, he says, guided Sgt. McBride's athletic career. The elder McBride, an athlete himself, had been signed by the Washington Senators when he injured his leg and could no longer play ball.

Sgt. McBride is married and lives in San Francisco. He has a son who will be five years old in September.

Sgt. McBride, who was made master sergeant in November, 1946, plans to make a career of the Army, and he expects to go overseas later this year. In athletics here, he plays with the Presidio baseball team and the Letterman softball team.

MEDICAL DETACH

Master Sergeant **Kenneth C. Robbins,** secretary-treasurer of the NCO club; Master Sergeant **Frank Howard,** MP, and Master Sergeant **Ero Saccone** of the Receiving Office re-enlisted this week for indefinite periods.

Other re-enlistments announced included Sergeant First Class **Herbert R. Sanders** and Sergeant **Morris H. Gibbs.**

Sgt. Robbins deferred his re-enlistment leave. Sgt. Howard took 20 days, and Sgt. Saccone, 15 days. Sfc. Sanders has taken a 30-day leave, and Sgt. Gibbs, 10 days.

A new information and education specialist assigned to Troop I. & E. is Master Sergeant **Ernest L. Stevenson,** who came here 28 May from Camp Lee, Virginia, where he also worked with I. & E.

Two first graders, Master Sergeant **Edward Hawkins** and Master Sergeant **Dudley Caruthers,** have been assigned to the Hospital Service Branch after reporting here from Camp Lee.

Sgt. Hawkins was NCO-In-Charge of the Officers' Club at Camp Lee, and Sgt. Caruthers was a battalion motor sergeant there.

The clothing turn-in list sent personnel rummaging this week, and foot and wall lockers are now minus much of this and that.

Private **Harold Schafer** has annexed another job. He's now a flicker projectionist for ward movies.

Back on duty after a furlough to New York is Private First Class William Colson. Also "home" again is Corporal **John T. Imms** after a 30-day re-enlistment furlough.

Early-morning wisecracks by Private First Class **Jose Gallegos** create friendly and sympathetic "hmmms!"

A word-for-word quote:

"Put in the paper, 'Who was it who tried to get a horse on a streetcar downtown?'" It's supposed to be a reflection on somebody's prowess, we reckon.

Recruits to Study Democracy as Part Of Basic Training

(AFPS)—Recruits in all three Services will be taught the fundamentals of democracy as part of their basic training program, the National Military Establishment has announced.

The course in basic citizenship will have a major objective of offsetting subversive propaganda directed at members of the Armed Forces.

Primarily, it is designed to instruct Recruits who have lacked educational opportunity and a clear understanding of the democratic traditions, customs and principles upon which the American way of life is based. The course will be uniform for all Services and will be placed in operation this fall.

Announcing the decision to develop the course, Chairman Thomas H. Reid of the Personnel Policy Board, said that it is in line with the Board's belief that the mental attitude and mental compass of officers and men are basic for everything they seek to do. They must understand, he said, the principles and operation of democratic government, and what its preservation means to them individually, to give best service to its cause.

Responsibility for preparation of a common course in basic citizenship has been assigned to Maj. Gen. William L. Harrison, Chief, Armed Forces Information and Education Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

At the same time, the Army announced the introduction of a new Basic Military Sujects Tests for use in evaluating the proficiency of all male enlistees upon completion of basic training.

The test, in the form of multiple-choice questions, is constructed from the basic material which every new Recruit must know before he is considered sufficiently trained in the basic Army essentials.

The training project was developed by personnel research experts in coordination with the Army Ground Forces. A separate test for WACs based on their basic training program is now in the formative stages.

Recruits who successfully qualify in the examination will be promoted to grade six provided they are in promotable status and are recommended by their Company Commanders.

Those failing the test will be given further training or reported to a reclassification board for disposition.

The Army explained that the use of this test will allow much greater objectivity in determining the proficiency of the individuals completing basic training. It will, therefore, further the overall Army policy of judging individual proficiency as impartially and justly as possible.



By Armed Forces Press Service

Teddy Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, once uttered the immortal phrase, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick." How well this comment on international affairs might apply to the wild and woolly major league races presently being waged in the nation's ballparks.

Several of the clubs, notably the Washington Senators and the Detroit Tigers, were laid to rest by the pre-season dopesters as "soft speakers" and no "big sticks." Where they would eventually finish in the league would only be determined by the generosity of the "big stick" teams.

So what happens at this stage in the race, already a third completed. The soft speaking clubs have developed big sticks and the races are as mixed up as a half completed jig-saw puzzle. And you don't have to look very far to see that the experts were as wrong as they could possibly be.

Prove it, you say. Let's look at the various clubs and their present positions on the pennant ladder.

In the National loop exactly two clubs are playing "normal." One of these was supposedly torn with dissension and had such a poor spring training record that baseball composers were already writing its funeral dirge. We're talking, of course, about the Boston Braves. The defending National League champions at this writing are playing below .500 against only one club, the St. Louis Cardinals. The Redbirds, for that matter, are as hot as the proverbial firecracker and have made it uncomfortable for several of the challengers.

The other nine to whom we refer as a "normal" club happens to be the beloved (?) Dodgers of Brooklyn. The Bums were overwhelming favorites to cop the 1949 flag and are proving to be the club to beat. Young players with hunger in their eyes and power in their "big sticks" are paying off for the venerable Branch Rickey.

Let's see now. . . . The Pittsburgh Pirates under capable Billy Meyer were considered pretty "hot stuff" to finish in the first division. So far, they have not come ahead of any other team. At the start of their second home stand, however, they had lost more than 30 games and were averaging between 10 and 13 games to the rear of the pack.

The famed New York Giant power created a turmoil for the first month and a half—then the roof fell in. A case of good hitting but no pitching.

Over in the junior circuit the "hapless" Bronx Bombers without Joe DiMaggio originally were designated to round up the first division no higher than fourth place. But they've led the league practically from the opening gun, at one time maintaining a lead of more than six games.

Despite the convincing manner in which the Cleveland Indians won the 1948 pennant and swept the World Series, it was the Boston Red Sox who were the unanimous favorites to be the new champs. There's not much use in telling you about both the Bosox and the Clevelanders. They have both proved to be major disappointments, so much in fact that the Red Sox have had the riot act read to them by their manager, Joe McCarthy. The Indians, unofficially, re-opened the season after 30 contests had been played.

Overall, the one team that figured, at least on paper, to be a total flop was the St. Louis Browns. They, alone, have kept the faith.

If the present trend continues much longer, you may find quite a few sports writers looking for other trades. It's that tough to attempt picking a winner. See you in October at Ebbets Field . . . er rather, Braves Field and Yankee Stadium . . . or will it be Briggs Stadium in Detroit?

Service Promoted

Promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant this week was former Second Lieutenant Curtis E. Service, chief of the training branch at Letterman.

The silver bars were pinned on by Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the commanding general, and Colonel James B. Stapleton, executive officer, who extended congratulations.

The promotion was effective 8 June.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veteran-students graduating this year and planning to move from the area served by the Veterans Administration District Office to which they have been mailing their National Service Life Insurance premium payments, should notify VA immediately of their new permanent address.

VA pointed out that a veteran's NSLI records are kept in the VA District Office supervising the area in which he maintains his permanent address.

The sooner the veteran notifies VA of his change of residence, the sooner VA can transfer his insurance records to the VA District Office having jurisdiction over the area in which he will reside.

When advising VA of his new address, the veteran should identify himself fully, indicating his NSLA certificate number, former address and new address. Changes in address may be noted on the space provided for such changes on the flap of the regular VA remittance envelopes.

The number of veterans of all wars reached 18,915,000 on May 1, 1949, Veterans Administration said. Of these, 15,143,000 served in World War II. The remainder were veterans of World War I and other wars.

When the nation's population of veterans and members of their families reaches its expected peak of 60,000,000 in 1955, Veterans Administration predicts that the number of veterans of all wars will be 17,200,000, and the number of persons in their families, 42,900,000.

Question: I wish to convert $5,000 of my $10,000 NSLI and continue the balance as term insurance. Will I be permitted to do this?

Answer: Yes, this is permissible under the law.

Question: My widow's pension was discontinued when I rented my home to increase my income. I now reside in my home and wish to reapply for a widow's pension. Will a reasonable rental value be counted as income?

Answer: No. The reasonable rental value of such property is not a factor in arriving at the amount of annual income.

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New Clothing Plan Becomes Effective; Allowances Listed

The new clothing allowance plan for the Army and Air Force, and economy measure known as the Clothing Monetary Allowance, became effective Friday.

Under the new system, enlisted men will be given a monetary allowance for clothing and quipage. The accounts will be kept for the period of their enlistment and at the time of honorable or general discharge, they will be paid in cash for any accumulated credit.

A first year credit of $21.60, or $1.80 monthly, will be allowed. After the first year, the allowance will be raised to $50.40 yearly or $4.20 a month for men, and $64.80 yearly or $5.40 monthly for women.

According to military officials, the new system provides a means for conservation of clothing by creating an incentive for the enlisted person to take better care of his clothing, thus providing a savings measure for both the government and enlisted personnel.

The new system applies to inductees, one-year volunteers, enlistees or re-enlistees in the Army and Air Force (with the exception of aviation cadets), and enlisted Reserves ordered to active duty for more than 90 days.

To facilitate operation of the plan, all personnel on duty Friday, 1 July, were considered as having been enlisted on that date.

The plan was actually started last week with an inventory of clothing on hand and issue of items which commanders consider necessary for initial issue.

During the inventory here, dark green neckties were issued to replace khaki ties.

Those whose enlistments will expire before 30 June 1950 will be credited with that part of the $21.60 first year allowance to which their days and month of remaining service entitle them.

Those whose enlistments run beyond 30 June 1950 will get the full $21.60 currently .On 1 July 1950, they will be credited with all or part of the standard monetary allowance whether it is still $50.40 or some other amount, depending on whether their enlistment runs beyond 30 June 1951 or not.

Against these credits, all clothing drawn from now on will be charged at specified prices.



Major LAURA M. ST. CLAIR, MSC, New Chief of the Troop I. & E. Branch Here

Holiday

Monday, 4 July, Independence Day, a National Holiday, will be observed as such at Letterman. Except the necessary care of the sick, guard, fatigue duty, etc., all work will be suspended for that day. Sunday hours will prevail.

Major St. Clair, Former Instructor, Heads Troop I. & E.

The new chief of the Troop Information and Education branch at Letterman is Major Laura M. St. Clair, MSC, a former university instructor assigned to educational duties in the Army for the first time.

Major St. Clair was assigned to Letterman 20 June from Camp Lee, Virginia, after completing the adjutant's course held there.

She had gone to Camp Lee shortly after being integrated into the Regular Army from inactive duty.

Major St. Clair, whose home is in Coral Gables, Florida, enlisted in the then WAC 28 November 1942 and took basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, before reporting to OCS at the same post.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant 30 March 1943, she was assigned as a recruiting officer to the headquarters of the recruiting and induction district at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Eventually, she went to Headquarters, Third Service Command, as adjutant for the WAC recruiting branch.

She was promoted to first Lieutenant 16 October 1943 and to captain, 19 November 1944. She was integrated into the Regular Army as a major after a period of inactive duty from 23 March 1946 to 27 January 1949.

Major St. Clair's current assignment is her second in San Francisco. She was stationed here for three months in 1945.

After leaving San Francisco she was assigned as adjutant for the activation and operation of Separation Center No. 45 at the Indiantown Gap Military reservation in Pennsylvania.

Major St. Clair, who says she did

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A Most Friendly Neighbor is Army 'Y' Across The Street

Directly across the street from the Administration Building of Letterman is the Army YMCA, which we at the hospital consider our most friendly neighbor. Down through the years, we have not been content to talk over the "back fence" because there is no fence in back or front and the doors are always wide open to us.

From music and dancing to pinochle and relaxation ranges the offerings of the familiar "Y," where visitors may rock to be-bop and swing or listen to the master works of music from the 85-piece San Francisco Recreation Department Symphony Orchestra.

Not only does the program of the "Y" embrace activities of general interest, but there are those smaller, but attractive recreational programs such as crafts, pyro lacing, shellcraft, leather crafts, ping pong, community sings, swimming, picnics, trips and card and other games.

Visitors to the Army YMCA also may take advantage of two music rooms, a crafts room, movies in the lobby, a canteen, including a soda fountain and cigar counter, writing facilities, and a library of books and magazines.

Those with interests in dramatics may participate in the activities of the Masquers Club, which will present the play, "You Can't Take It With You," 19 July in the YMCA auditorium.

This week's program at the "Y" reflects a typical week.

At 1 p. m., or 1300, last Sunday, a party went to the Golden Gate Park Concert, and at 1800, a matinee dance was held in the auditorium. A few hours later on the same day, the San Francisco Recreation Department Symphony orchestra presented a program in the lobby. Later, there was a Community Sing and refreshments, served by an American Legion post and members of its auxiliary.

The YMCA's photo darkroom was open at 1730 Monday, and at 1915, a "Veterans' Hospital Camp Show" called "Vaudeville on Parade" was presented in the auditorium. The Masquers Club met that night, and YMCA Junior Hostesses conducted a ward party in cooperation with the Red Cross.

On Tuesday, the weekly crafts program was held, along with community singing and a stage presentation, "The Geisha," in the auditorium.



Mrs. J. M. HUBER
Program Director



H. A. LOOMIS
Executive Secretary

Wednesday's feature program was the "Cotton Ball," the weekly dance highlight this week. Walt Tolleson's orchestra was on the band stand. Also held was another session in the weekly learn-to-dance class.

The darkroom also is open on Wednesday and Thursday at 1730.

Friday's activities featured a splash party, and movie shorts in the lobby.

The regular "Juke Box Concert," with dancing to records and a floor show, is scheduled tonight.

The YMCA, through Miss Dorothy Price and her committee, presents flowers donated by downtown florists to patients at Letterman.

The activities of the "Y" are mapped by a program planning council whose membership includes military personnel and Girls Service Organization members and the staff. Programs are planned for a month in advance.



IRENE R. WHELAN
Business Secretary

The GSO's members are San Francisco girls who were admitted to membership in the organization upon application and confirmation of references. The members participate in Letterman ward parties every Monday in cooperation with the Red Cross.

Currently heading the GSO as president is Miss Jo Cesneros. The Pin-Up Girl of the Month for June was Barbara Cupp. The GSO's honor is awarded on a points-accumulated basis for participation in various programs and activities.

The Masquers Club is guided by Dick Fernandez, a volunteer worker.

Alternating at the lobby piano for community sings are Mrs. Vera Frazier and Mrs. Irene Draper, both of San Francisco.

Mrs. Cecelia Lewetzow, San Francisco, sponsors the Junior Hostesses Organization for girls in the 16 and 17 years old group, and Mrs. Geneva Ladyman, Oakland, directs lobby crafts.

The "Y" is open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m., 0830 to 2230.

The chairman of the Army YMCA's Board of Managers is Alan Field, retired president of the Field-Ernst Envelope Company of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The board's membership includes Arthur Halloran, vice chairman; General Mark W. Clark; Brigadier General William S. Lawton; Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, commanding general, Letterman General Hospital; Colonel L. L. Martin, Colonel Fay Ross, Colonel. H. A. Brusher, Lieutenant Colonel Charles D'Orsa, Lieutenant Colonel F. A. Rutherford, Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Brown, Jr., Renolds J. Barbieri, Herbert L. Beckner, Raymond W. Blosser, Lester D. Casperson, Arthur H. Connolly, Jr., Warren Griffith, John R. Hermann, James E. Holbrook, James B. Hubbard, Ernest C. Hueter, Eugene F. Lorton, Charles F. Maury, Earl McCarger, H. A. C. Mitchell, Thomas H. Thatcher and Joseph Voneau.

The Executive Secretary of the "Y" is H. A. Loomis, always referred to (and he likes to be) as "Pop." He has been with the "Y" for 20 years. Mrs. J. M. Huber, affectionately known as "Mom," is program director. She has been with the YMCA here for two years. Mrs. Huber was active with the USO during the war years. Irene R. Whelan is business secretary, and L. E. "Red" Berry is building superintendent. Mrs. Vivian Estrada is in charge of the canteen, which includes the soda fountain and cigar and novelties counter.

The Army Branch of the YMCA, which had its beginnings in 1898 during the period of mobilization for the Spanish-American War, has continued to serve the military personnel of the Presidio in World War I and World War II and reached the peak of its value to us in recent years.

BUTTON BUSSINESS BOOMS

New York (AFPS)—The influx of the zipper and snap fasteners, as well as the safety pin, has hurt the button business in the United States. There are about 10 million buttons manufactured annually in the United States. That's 70 buttons for each man, woman and child in the nation.

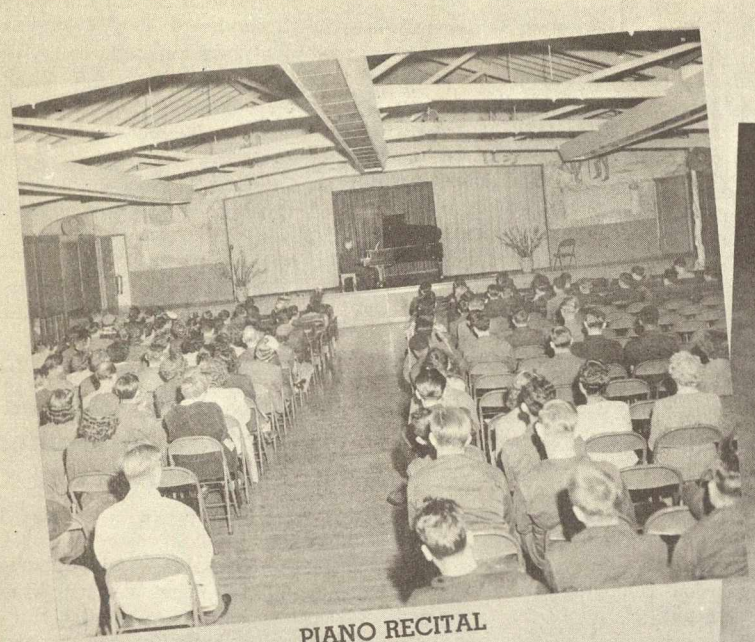
EASTER BLUES

New York (AFPS) — Poultry breeders may put the Easter rabbit out of business. They have developed a variety of chicken that lays blue eggs.

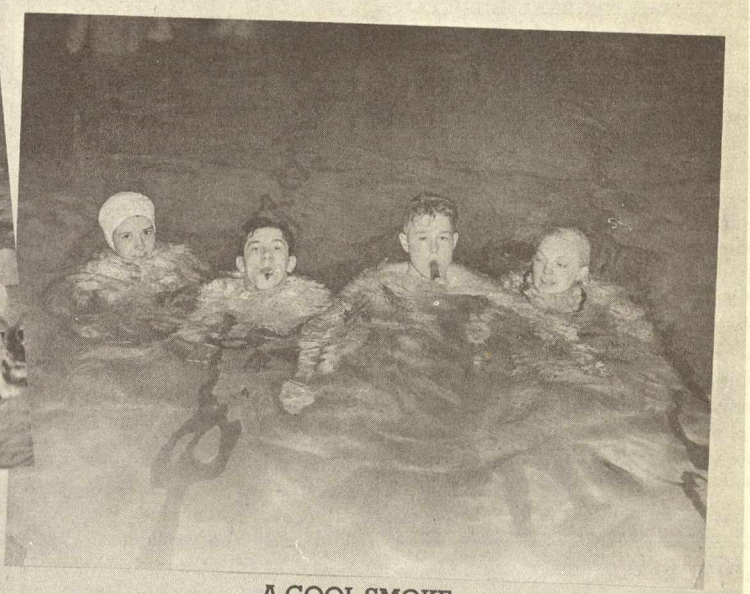
QUACK, QUACK

Clinton, Mass. (AFPS)—It wasn't a whale young Robert C. Lynde landed while fishing with an angleworm. It was a duck.

SCENES OF ACTIVITY IN THE PRESIDIO ARMY YMCA



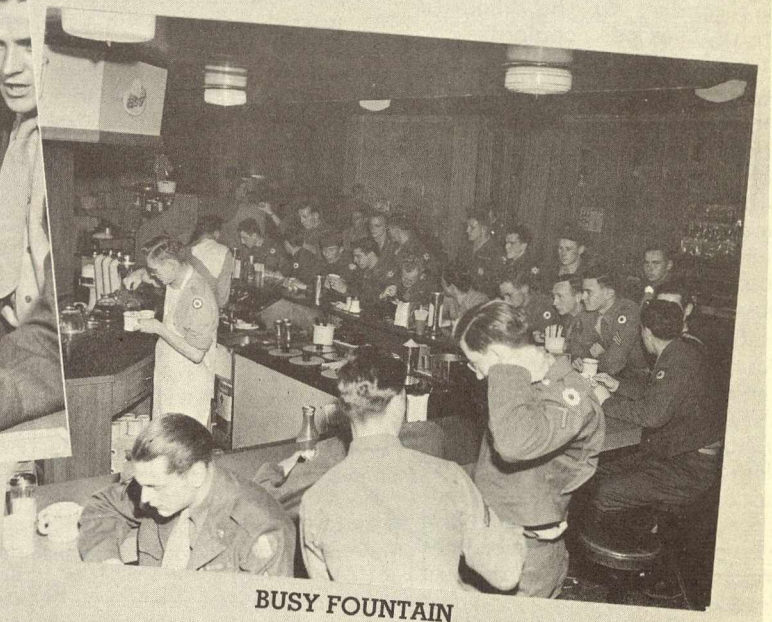
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A COOL SMOKE



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BUSY FOUNTAIN

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EDITORIAL

FOURTH OF JULY

The atmosphere of fiesta which prevails on the Fourth of July often obscures the historic, heartening meaning of the true "Independence Day."

In an encyclopedia, actually, the title "Independence Day" is secondary to the "Fourth of July," as per popularity.

The legal holiday, which provides a long week-end for motoring, picnics, parades, and so forth, was suggested by John Adams in a letter to his wife on the day the Declaration was signed in 1776. Certainly he must have thought the occasion merited annual observance, lest we forget.

The war since the time of Adams and the other signers cannot be overlooked because they were fought mostly to uphold the principles of freedom and freedom, itself. The price of independence is not cheap, as many know, and who could forget the sacrifices made by many in the cause of freedom?

Were they worth it? Well, a recent survey shows that this country still offers more "actual enjoyment" of economic and social rights for all peoples than any other place in the world.

Not a bad outlook for "Independence Day," at that, is it?



Two marriages were announced this week, and a third is to be solemnized today.

Captain **Georgia C. Dobson,** ANC, was married on 19 June at Reno, Nevada, to **R. G. Buchanan,** a civilian. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan will reside in Richmond, California, for a year before returning to their native Arkansas. Mrs. Buchanan, nee Capt. Dobson, resigned effective 30 June.

Captain **Mildred Carter,** WMSC, of OT, and First Lieutenant **James J. Duffy,** Sixth Army, were married 23 June in the Presidio chapel. They will reside in San Francisco. A reception at the nurses' recreation hall followed the ceremony.

Today, at St. Dominic's church in San Francisco, Second Lieutenant **Avis M. Redfield,** WMSC, OT, will be married to Dr. **John Rutledge,** a former Army captain now in residency at the University of California hospital in San Francisco.

New arrivals at Letterman include Captain **Ruby E. McCain,** ANC, who reported 22 June from the 97th General Hospital in Germany; First Lieutenant **Carolyn K. Donavin,** ANC, assigned from the 10th General Hospital in the Philippines; First Lieutenant **Ruth McBrien,** ANC, who arrived 26 June from the 97th General Hospital, and Captain **Margaret M. Wright,** ANC, who reported from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California.

En route to New York on a 30-day leave is Captain **Lois H. Alfred,** ANC. First Lieutenant **Mildred B. Kauffman,** ANC, has taken a 30-day leave to visit her home in Neffsville, Pennsylvania. First Lieutenant **Emmaline Hallet,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Florence E. Whittier,** ANC, will begin 15-day leaves Sunday. They plan to spend the time touring Eastern California.

First Lieutenant **Ruth Wall,** WMSC, PT, will take an 11-day leave next week to visit her home in Utah.

WAC

Private **Lilly Roberts,** recently assigned to the orderly room, has a GI Driver's Permit now, and Lettermanites are gradually getting accustomed to see a WAC behind the wheel of a jeep. There was almost a misunderstanding last week when a male passenger casually remarked, "What's the loose hammerhead doing in the front seat?" It seems there actually was such an object lying on the floor of the jeep, but Robbie wasn't too certain of the implications behind the quetsion.

If there are any superstitious people in barracks 214X, it wasn't revealed when a black cat nonchalantly strolled into the barracks and went upstairs for a tour of feline inspection. Superstitious or not, the cat was put out when it appeared as if it were going to occupy the room belonging to the barracks sergeant.

"Water, water everywhere" wasn't just an empty phrase to be bandied about last week in the WAC area. First, barracks 212 was threatening to float down Lincoln Avenue when some pipes burst, and mops and brooms were utilized. To cap the climax, last Sunday Barracks 213, which is used to store company property was flooded as a result of some overburdened water pipes. With the help of the fire department and some detachment volunteers—including the first-sergeant—the water was disposed of to the tune of the "Volga Boatman" wafting thru the rafters.

Corporal **Rose Casilio** was the recipient of a three-day pass this week—destination? ? Upstairs 214X, for rest and recuperation purposes.

Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg** was placed on TDY this week for the purpose of escorting the body of Sergeant Vivian Anderson to her parents in Goldendale, Washington.

Seen and Heard Around the WAC Area: An addition to the vehicle staff in the form of a V-8 Ford, minus a fender, but still in good running condition; several bouquets of red roses brightening up the barracks and too, putting a smug look of pleasure on the proud-owner's countenance; everyone counting their pennies for coffee and cigarettes during those few agonizing days before payday; Sergeant **Jessie King,** the new barracks sergeant for 214X, counting noses in the wee hours of the morning with one eye closed and the other only half-open.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 3, July 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:
Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.
Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.
Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.
IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

WU Service Speeded With New Equipment In Hospital Office

Letterman began to receive the benefits of ever faster and better public telegraph service Thursday when lines from Western Union's local office were connected with an "electrical brain" in the company's high-speed automatic switching center at Oakland.

A. E. Littler, WU superintendent, said the "electrical brain" brain in the Oakland center will flash messages between Letterman and all other places with "vastly greater speed and efficiency." This new automatic method places at the fingertips of the local operator circuits connecting with all parts of the country.

Telegrams filed at the hospital now will flash through the Oakland center and on to their destinations without human intervention. The local operator transmitting a message will first type two "call letters" at the beginning of each telegram. That prefix will automatically route the message to its destination.

Mrs. C. Price, manager of the Letterman WU office, took a special training course in operating the new equipment at a WU school in San Francisco.

Two Officers Alerted

Captain Cheslar Urbanick, assistant adjutant, and First Lieutenant Lloyd W. Dezarn, assistant chief of the Troop Information and Education Branch, were alerted last week for overseas duty.

Capt. Urbanick will report to a POE for shipment to the EUCOM, while Lieut. Dezarn will go to the Far East. Both will transfer in October.

DO YOU KNOW?



MARGARET M. FINNIGAN
Stenographer, HTU

The business-like feminine voice which responds, "Hospital Train Unit," to a call to HTU headquarters at Crissy Annex belongs to Miss Margaret M. Finnigan, secretary and stenographer.

Miss Finnigan, whose last name does not contain the conventional "e," has been employed at HTU headquarters for a year, or since June, 1948.

She came to Letterman and her job shortly after graduation from St. Paul's High School in San Francisco, where she studied a commercial course for four years and applied particular interest in mathematics, algebra and geometry.

The pretty, ambitious Miss Finnigan, 18 years old, likes her job, Letterman and government service "very much," she says, and she plans to continue a career as a stenographer as long as eventual matrimony stays eventual.

One of the appealing features of working for the government, she notes, is the 26-day annual vacation.

Her ambition is reflected by the fact that during four years of high school she worked part-time as a salesgirl for a San Francisco store. Graduation brought the chance for her to launch a definite business career.

Miss Finnigan lives in San Francisco's Mission District, where, she says, "the sun shines all the time" in contrast to the dreary atmosphere created by the presence of fog along bayshore sections.

The young lady, who has four older brothers, likes sewing, crocheting and knitting, and swimming is her favorite sport. She also likes to watch football games.

Miss Finnigan plans to enter night school in September to further her education with business studies.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Ideas for a show, particularly one with the accent on dance routines, are being developed by a young Air Force sergeant, a patient on ward K-2, who has been a professional dancer for 14 years.

While there's no family link between Sgt. **Daniel E. Boone** and the ole b'ar shooter and scout by somewhat the same name, a comparison may be drawn. Sgt. Daniel dances like the storied ole Dan'l could pop his muzzle-loader.

Sgt. Boone emerged from beneath the glare of klieg lights and glitter of Hollywood to enlist in the Air Force two years ago in Los Angeles.

Once billed as "The Tiny Mite," he was a choreographer for Paramount Pictures and Monogram Studios and worked in several films and road shows before he enlisted. His home, naturally, is in Los Angeles.

Boone performed in Universal-International's "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," Monogram's "Lady, Let's Dance," and he danced with Ginger Rogers in "Lady in the Dark." He also was seen in "Crazy House."

The dancer played in the Philadelphia stand of "Finnian's Rainbow," and was a member of the touring "One Touch of Venus" cast He also has been featured in vaudeville.

His dancing partners have included **Beryl Cooper, Belita, Ginger Rogers** and **Karin Booth.**

Boone enlisted in July, 1947, and was assigned to the finance section at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., after basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

He was assigned eventually to Guam, where he was an announcer for WVTG, the Armed Forces Radio Service station there. On Guam, he directed and produced several shows, including, ahem—"Withering Tights," "A Night at the Biltmore," and "Highlights of 1948."

Boone also was stationed on Iwo Jima. He was chief clerk and acting sergeant major of the 6254th AB Unit there.

While at Letterman, he "hopes to get a show together." Anyone interested in participating in a show should contact Sgt. Boone. "No previous experience is necessary," he says.

Since it is popular practice nowadays for columns of all lengths and opinions to "disclose" the mystery tune on network radio show, "Stop the Music" (Sunday evenings, channel 4, Bedside Network), this department offers its say-so. The piece now featured is "Say Not Love Is a Dream," or something like that. The work is contained in Franz Lehar's "Count of Luxembourg." The tip is with the compliments of CWO **Oliver Margolin,** director of the 358th Army Band. The score was played at a recent concert in the patio. The band plays at 1330 each Tuesday and Thursday.

Looks like everybody wants to know the answer to some question these days. And knowing the right answer on the coffee time quiz show at the recreation hall is profitable. Dollars were pocketed recently by several patients, including Sergeant **Michael D. Gahar,** ward 29; Recruit **Luther Stevens,** ward M-1; Private First Class **Walter R. Bailey,** ward 42; and Corporal **George E. Smyly,** ward 40.

First Lieutenant **Rudolph Devila,** ward D-2, will take a leave to visit in Los Angeles. Friends had been wondering if he were traveling incognito behind those dark glasses.

Corporal **Edward Kroeger** and Master Sergeant **John Bays,** both of ward E-2, and a group of buddies also in wheelchairs had their chariots lined up perfectly behind regular seats at the rec hall movie the other night.

The Special Services show, "Vaudeville on Parade," was well-received at the "Y" auditorium last Monday night. During parts of the show which were particularly entertaining, members of the audience near him could hear one patient laughingly comment, "Whoa! Heah now!"

Charles Piper, a veteran, has said goodbye to his friends on ward D-2. A patient here since February, he was discharged from the hospital this week.

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM ALLEN
Sergeant

Sergeant William Allen, entertainment specialist with Special Services, arrived here shortly after reenlisting in the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey, last January.

The Army career of Sgt. Allen, softball player and bowler and former manager of the Letterman Bowling Alleys, dates back to 1938 when he enlisted at his hometown of Patterson, New Jersey.

He went to Fort Clayton in the Panama Canal Zone for basic training and stayed there for four months before reporting to Fort Slocum, New York.

In May, 1941, he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and during 1942 he traveled to Fort Meade, Maryland, and Camp Corrabelle, Florida, for amphibious training. He was stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, in 1943.

Until his transfer from Camp Hood, Texas, to Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1945, he was assigned to the infantry but a career with special services was to follow.

He also has been stationed at McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, Fort Totten, Army Medical Center in New York, and Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts, mostly in Special Service assignments.

Sgt. Allen is an outfielder with the Letterman Softball Team and is a member of the Special Services Bowling Squad.

He played football and baseball for Eastside High School in Paterson.

His hobby is collecting popular recordings and he estimates that he now has a total collection of 1450 records.

Sgt. Allen has been alerted for overseas duty and he will report to a POE later this month.

CIVIL CIRCLES

"Algy" Gaffney of Civilian Personnel resigned last week to enter the San Francisco College for Women to earn her elementary teaching credentials.

Judy Bean of Military Personnel left by plane on Thursday of last week to spend a leave with her family in Boston. She will return 5 July.

"Mickey" Fenn of Separation Center hopes to have a few fishing stories to relate on her return from a fishing trip in northern California.

Wallace Robbie of the Microfilm Section traveled by air to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to attend the wedding of his sister.

Marshall Douglas of the Photo Lab enjoyed a few hours at the beach during a visit to Carmel last week end.

Gwen Skopin of the Baggage Room, and her son, **Kevin,** are planning a week's visit to Manhattan Beach next week.

Mrs. **Zelphia Hopper** of the Laundry and her husband will visit Yosemite and Hollywood during a two weeks motor trip in their new Mercury automobile.

Mary Stein has transferred from Patients Pay Roll Section to Officers Personnel.

Frances Parry of the Laundry reports that her son, Ivor, is recovering nicely from a recent operation at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mary Bensen of Civilian Personnel is vacationing at Lake Tahoe with her brother. She will return July 5.

Rao Narasingh is the latest addition to the Receiving Office and **Lorraine Rau** has taken up duties in the OB-Gyn Service as a clerk-stenographer.

More About MAJOR ST. CLAIR

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manage to find an appartment in San Francisco, was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science degree. She won her master's from Columbia University.

While she was an instructor on the staff of the University of Miami, Florida, she was working on a fellowship to the University of Chicago when she decided to enlist.

Major St. Clair, who spent six years at YM, also taught with the public school systems in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and Miami, Florida.

WHEN DUE FOR FURLOUGH SEE MISS WONG AND GET A SMILE TO BOOT



Miss ROSALIND M. WONG
Who specializes in furloughs

In the complex command that is Letterman there are people in far off corners of some office who make a definite contribution to the morale of the command. In that category we find Miss Rosalind M. Wong in the administrative section of the Detachment of Patients.

One thing which has the strongest appeal for the patients—after pay—is a furlough and all look eagerly to some free time when convalescence has progressed to a point where a furlough would be beneficial. It starts when the ward officer approves a request for furlough and then it goes to the Detachment of Patients where the C. O. looks over the papers, does some research, and finally passes the document over to Miss Wong.

By this time the patient is getting to be impatient, a state of mind which Miss Wong fully appreciates, and goes into action to expedite the publication of the orders. Occasionally a patient will wander over to her desk with the idea of some urging but when she turns on that smile he forgets all else and stays to admire.

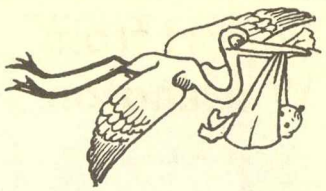
Miss Wong is a native of San Diego and one of a family of seven—two boys and five girls—children. She finished at Coronado High School and went to work for the Navy at the San Diego Naval Air Station. In November 1945 she decided the army in San Francisco would be preferable and she joined the staff at Letterman in her present assignment. Her two brothers are students at the University of California majoring in Civil Engineering and Botany respectively.

In her leisure moments Miss Wong likes to sew and cook but also does a stint at drawing and thinks dancing is divine.

If the furlough orders are slow look up Miss Wong.

Air Cadets receive 275 hours' flight training the year they get their wings.

The first school law required that kids attend 12 weeks a year; six of those had to be consecutive.



15 June

To Corporal and Mrs. Wilbur L. Wilson, girl, **Sharon Anne.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Jack McPherson, a girl, **Kathy Carolyn.**

To Corporal and Mrs. Francisco Arroyo, a boy, **Edward Roden.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Karl Brussow, a boy, **Steven Carlisle.**

16 June

To Cpl. and Mrs. Eugene Jackson, a boy **James Thomas.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, a girl, **Christine Suzanne.**

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lester Melton, a boy, **Victor Lee.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, a girl, **Patricia May.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Claude Sharrah, a girl, **Nancy Mae.**

17 June

To Capt. and Mrs. Vincent Nelson, a girl, **Karen Lee.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Philip Crandall, a girl, **Linda Gail.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Burl Williams, a girl, **Nancy Kathleen.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Robertson, a girl, **Sharon Jean.**

18 June

To Pfc. and Mrs. LeRoy Richardson, a girl, **Darlene Hope.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Heinz Wiegand, a girl, **Diane Theresa.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gayle Cretsinger, a girl, **Patricia Carol.**

19 June

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Douglas Mortensen, a girl, **Doreen.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard A. Mancini, a girl, **Dorinoa.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Homer White, a girl, **Barbara Diane.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Andrew Gaines, a girl, **Jo Ann.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. William J. Hepp, a boy, **William Lawrence.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert C. Bueker, a girl, **Janice Louise.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles A. Crockett, a boy, **Charles Perry.**

19 June

To Capt. and Mrs. John H. Curran, a girl, **Patricia Ann.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. John S. Solonsky, a girl, **Patricia.**

20 June

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Raleigh D. Vermillion, a boy, **Thomas Durwood.**

Report from Washington

Legislation is being drafted to abolish the $500 yearly bonus for Air Reserve officers who fail to secure Regular commissions. Payment of the bonus was suspended for the two-year life of the Selective Service Act, and the new law will cancel it entirely.

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A measure extending for two years the Armed Forces personnel privilege of mailing duty-free gifts up to $50 in value from overseas stations has been passed by the House and awaits Senate action. The present duty exemption law expires June 30.

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Legislation grouping all Government supply functions under a General Services Agency is making rapid progress in Congress.

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New Army Regulations prescribe the Reserve duty obligations of approximately 28,000 enlisted personnel inducted under the Selective Service Act of 1948. Upon completion of active duty they will be enrolled in Reserve components for varying periods, depending on the degree of training activity of the units to which assigned. Failure to complete the Reserve obligation will result in recall to active duty for a year.

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Sharp drops in the sickness rates of the Army and Navy have been noted. The Army rate, after remaining around four per cent for several years, dropped to two per cent, with an even better record found at several posts. The Navy's rate dropped from 2.1 per cent to 1.9 per cent. Preventive medicine and education of personnel were believed to be primary reasons.

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A composite course in citizenship and democracy, to be added to Armd Forces Basic Training programs this fall, is being compiled from courses developed by the Army and Navy. Before selection as part of the composite course, each separate course will be tested in training centers. The Air Force will use the course being prepared by the Armed Forces I and E Division, which was originally promulgated for use in Army training centers.

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Cash dividend payments, averaging approximately $175 each according to present calculations, are scheduled to be distributed to World War II veterans who purchased National Service Life Insurance, early next year. Present plans contemplate distribution of slightly more than $2½ billion to 16 million veterans.

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The Air Force employed 164,870 civilians as of April 30. The Army had 273,437, and the Navy 355,880.

FOGHORN FINALLY FINDS FULL FLEDGED PROFESSIONAL



Pvt. JACK LEWYN
New man of all work on FOGHORN staff

The work of filling out the forms which go to the printer each week and emerge as the "FOGHORN" has been largely the work of dilettantes up to the present time but now we have a full fledged professional newspaper man on the staff and our readers must have noticed the difference.

Some weeks ago the Personnel Officer noted a new recruit with an MOS denoting newspaper experience and before long he was attached to our staff. In fact, the then Recruit Jack Lewyn became the "staff" and he has been working hard at it ever since. In the meantime he has been advanced to "Private."

Lewyn hails from Wheeling, West Virginia, and took newspaper work while still in high school and after graduation became a full time reporter on the "News-Register" of that city. He followed that with details to the papers in Moundsville and Point Pleasant, W. Va., belonging to the same chain, and then came back to the "Intelligencer" in Wheeling. Then followed a stint on the "Daily Mail" of Charleston, W. Va., where he was a police reporter and, later, Sports Editor.

His next move was to the Associated Press in Louisville, Ky., and "deadline."

Life was pleasing and then — "Uncle" sent him "Greetings" and Jack was caught in the draft. He went to Camp Breckinridge for basic training and on completion was assigned to Letterman in March of this year.

Oh, yes, he is a bachelor.

successively with the same organization in Lexington and Baltimore. In the "Big time" he really had loads of experiences among which he lists the coverage of 176 homicides, 2 mine disasters, and an election fraud trial in London, Ky., with 99 defendants telling it to the judge. AP sent him also to cover the story of the birth of the Henn quartriplets in Baltimore.

One of the traditions of the newspaper profession is to get the story in before the "deadline." Only a beginner has the "copy" on the editor's desk far ahead of time and he soon learns that last minute changes occur so why write the story too soon. Jack is a good newspaper man in that respect. He always "has notes" when the editor asks for a progress report, and in time those "notes" come out as the story. So far Jack has not missed a

Letterman Annexes Golf Tourney Crown; Team Heads North

The slammin' golf team from Letterman blasted its way into the Sixth Army playoffs at Fort Lewis, Washington, by capturing the Southern district halo in tourney play last week on the Presidio links.

In the local phase of the contest, the Lettermanites clipped the ambitions of squads from the Presidio, Fort Scott, Fort Mason, Camp Stoneman, Fort Ord, Camp Cooke and Fort MacArthur.

The Letterman team will leave Sunday for Fort Lewis and the area competition with the Northern district winner July 4-6. The All-Army Playoffs will be held at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, later this month.

Major Douglas E. Ramsey of Letterman placed second in the medal phase of the tourney with a total card of 300 for the 72-hole event. First Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, also of Letterman, was third with 301. Top medal honors were taken by Sergeant Joe Torres of Fort Ord.

Other Letterman team members who will make the trip north are Lieutenant Colonel Donald B. Lenkerd and Major Max Smith. Major Wendell B. Patton was the team alternate in play here.

Fighters Register Wins in Bout Series

The boxing team carrying Letterman's colors into the ring in the All-Armed Services series of bouts on Treasure Island has annexed 12 victories from the total 14 attempts its four members have made.

The squad, coached by Corporal Nat Nappi, includes bantam-weights, Private Emmanuel Landeros and Private Celestino Gomez, both weighing 118; Private Ulysses Allen, 135, in the lightweight class, and Private Lucius Tate, 210, the heavyweight.

Allen scored knockouts in both of his two fights; Gomez registered three KO's and one decision in four bouts, and Landeros has taken victories in all of his five trips into the ring, three KO's and two decisions. Tate won one of his three fights to date.

The boxers now train on their own time for participation in the series, which will continue through to September.

Garden plants with potatoes on the roots and tomatoes on the vines were found in the back yard of a Terre Haute, Indiana, residence.

Troop Information And Education

"What kind of course do you think I should take—a correspondence course or self-study course"—is the proverbial question posed the counselor when a counselee visits the Troop I & E Office.

Learning is fundamentally an individual and personal matter. Each person learns for himself through his own efforts, and each person probably learns most effectively through his own peculiar way. Thus, posing the above question places the responsibility upon the counselor when it rightly belong to you.

The function of the Education Office is guidance and direction so that you may determine your needs through an evaluation of your particular problem, and an objective analysis of your abilities and deficiencies. Accordingly, guidance provides personal help that is offered in such a manner as to create in each individual the desire and the ability to carry on by his own efforts.

The Correspondence Course contains, in addition to the text, a study guide. The study guide will give you the scope of the course; an outline of each unit—high-lighting the important points in each lesson—and the written assignment. The written assignment when completed is forwarded to the agency responsible for grading the work; it may be to a co-operating college through USAFI, or to USAFI Instructor's Service at Madison, Wisconsin, or to a University of your own choice. The advantage of this type of study is mainly in the direction it gives to the individual; that is, a pattern for study is outlined, the lesson is returned graded by a college level instructor with proper notations made as to the strength and weakness of the responses; and constructive suggestions are made where additional study or review is needed.

Success in the EM (Educational Manual) or Self-Study Course depends upon the individual's objective, his drive, and his incentive to complete such a course. The text is the "core." At the end of each chapter are questions on the text, which should be answered as a self-measurement. Your ability to answer the questions fully and with all pertinent facts contained therein, is your guide as to how much you have retained in the reading and studying of the individual chapters.



By Armed Forces Press Service

Sports promoters, club owners, and managers are faced with two fast growing problems which threaten the attendance at sporting events in the future. It's not the problems, but the need for workable answers that have the impresarios talking to themselves, to each other, and anyone whom they think might have a possible solution.

The first bugaboo that the magnates are encountering is the rapidly decreasing dollar. The good old American buck—highly regarded throughout the world—is decreasing in quantity among Mr. Average Citizen. The "turnstile honeymoon" is over.

This lack of "do - re - mi" comes upon the scene with an accomplice. The new menace to the club owners' pocketbooks being television.

Currently, telecasting is causing headaches in major sporting fields like baseball, boxing and pro football. When TV first began to appear two years ago, baseball moguls greeted it with open arms as a bonanza to attendance.

Video is creating a new type of fan all right. But it's the stay-at-home fan. And he's being recruited from the regular ball park customers.

Although major league attendance was running 178,767 ahead of 1948 through Memorial Day this year, the plus figure in the total gate was not general. Seven clubs showed marked decreases, while five clubs showed only negligible gains and the other four enjoyed noticeable increases.

In the American League, attendance was up 76,000 through May 30 as compared to last year. But of this total increase, the Yankees were 114,208 ahead of their previous season's figure and the surprising White Sox topped last year's pace by 80,-804. It is obvious, therefore, that the other junior league member clubs are way off stride.

A similar situation exists in the National League, which boasted an increase as of Memorial Day of 102,762 over last year. The biggest gains, however, were recorded by two clubs—the St. Louis Cardinals with an increase of 82,572 and the Pittsburgh Pirates with a gain of 68,454. The Cards, in pre-season agreements, had curtailed the number of games to be telecast, and the Pirates are the only club in either league to forbid televising of any of their games.

It is not alone the major league parks that have felt the pinch at the gate, but more so the minor league clubs, which are in most cases owned by the big organizations. In cases like the Wilmington farm club of the Phillies, which plays only 25 miles from Philadelphia, fans have found it more enjoyable to view the A's or the Phillies' games on video rather than actually watch the minor league clubs compete.

Up to now television has been a local issue with the ball clubs, each team having the privilege of selling or rejecting rights for telecasting. However, it looks as if the experiences of some clubs—and particularly the protest from the minors—will lead the majors to take action next winter severely restricting the number of games to be telecast.

If the majors make a decision to abandon television, they will follow in the footsteps of professional football which already has felt the sting of television and this year will probably completely eliminate its video audience.

Horse racing is probably the only sport where a drop in attendance can't be blamed on the television screen. Although most turf fans can see a lot more of the race on their television sets than they can at the track, this new media furnishes no real competition to the tracks—at least not until they develop a way to televise two buck bets on the long shot in the third.

Director of Arts and Skills Resigns

Miss Evelyn Condon, director of the Red Cross Arts and Skills program at Letterman for approximately two years, resigned effective 1 July.

Miss Condon, who has been with the Red Cross for five years, plans to teach in the public school system of San Mateo. Before coming to Letterman, she was attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital on Treasure Island and at Madigan General Hospital.

She will be succeeded by Miss Marian Ramsey, who was transferred here from the U. S. Marine Hospital, San Francisco. Miss Ramsey has been with the Red Cros for six years.

She was assigned to the Marine Hospital after her return from overseas duty with the RC. Miss Ramsey worked in the Red Cross program in Italy and Germany from January, 1945, to August, 1947.

Arts and Skills service includes instructions by volunteer workers in crafts among patients.

Answering the Veterans Queries

The Veterans Administration District 12 Insurance Service handles approximately 383,000 active National Service Life Insurance accounts for World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

The vast majority of the premiums on those insurance policies are paid on a monthly basis. The checks and money orders handled by Insurance Service employees run into millions of dollars each month.

In order to speed the handling and identification of these premiums, veterans are urged by VA to use official VA premium envelopes when paying National Service Life Insurance by mail.

The envelopes expedite handling of insurance premiums since full information to process the payments is included by VA before the envelope is mailed to veteran policy holders.

Veterans who pay G-I insurance premiums by mail should make checks or money orders payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

If the official yellow VA premium notice envelopes are not used, veterans should give their full name, address, G-I insurance policy number, service serial number and any other information to aid VA in making proper identification.

Question: I have added total disability income coverage to my 20-payment National Service Life Insurance policy. Does the disability coverage continue after my policy is paid up?

Answer: Yes, provided you have not reached the age of 60. You continue to pay the additional premium for disability protection to the end of the 20-year period when it, too, becomes paid up. All disability income protection ceases when the insured reaches age 60, but payments are continued to those who are totally disabled at the time they reach 60.

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New Intern Class Starts Training Here This Week

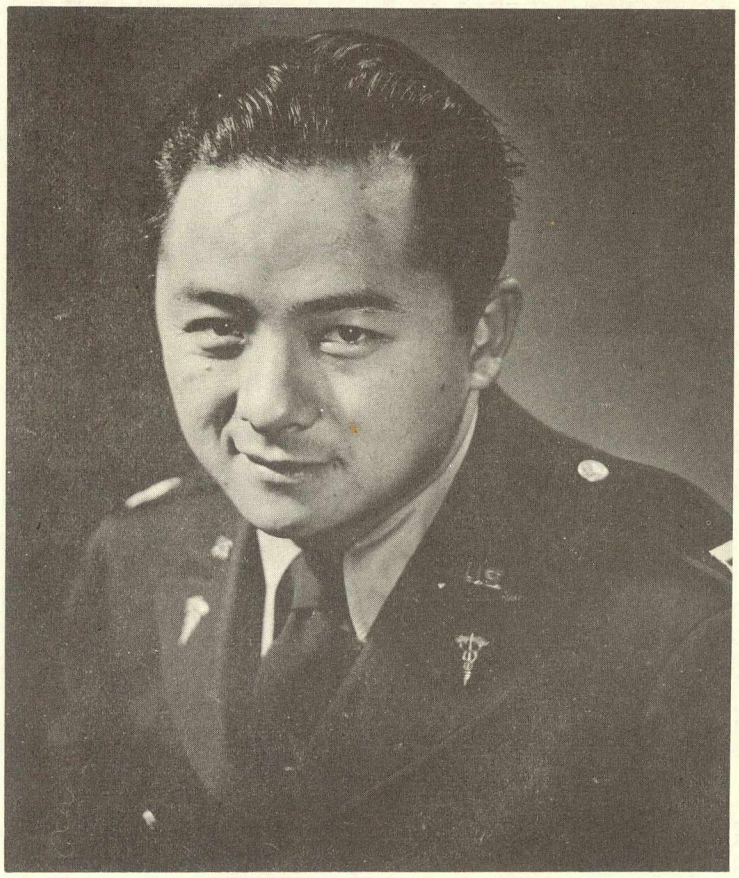
The scholastic year in the residency and intern training program in Letterman's role as a teaching hospital opened officially on 1 July with a class of 27 new interns and the addition of 32 to the resident group.

Starting the intern program were the following first lieutenants in the Medical Reserve Corps. The home town and medical school is listed after each name:

Arthur W. Anderson, San Francisco, University of California; Norman L. Arnett, Pittsburgh, Pa., University of Pittsburgh; Theodore M. Badgley, Mill Valley, Univ. of California; William N. Beach, Kansas City, Mo., Louisiana State Univ.; John P. Briske, Chicago, Northwestern Univ.; James A. Bulen, Escondido, Univ. of Vermont; Ferris E. Cook, Conklin, Mich., Cornell Univ.; James M. Cuthbertson, Sterling, Kans., Univ. of Kansas.

Rex P. Dannebaum, Monterey Park, Calif., Yale Univ.; Charles R. Downs, Davenport, Okla., Univ. of Oregon; Richard H. Garrett, Walla Walla, Wash., St. Louis Univ.; Richard E. Green, Denver, Vanderbilt Univ.; James E. Hansen, Green Bay, Wisc., Univer. of Oregon; Lloyd R. Hicken, Salt Lake, Univ. of Utah; Robert F. Hood, Santa Ana, Calif., Univ. of Colorado; Frederick R. Hook, San Francisco, Georgetown Univ.; Robert C. Jones, North Platte, Nebr., Univ. of Nebraska.

Joseph Levitt, St. Louis, Washington Univ.; Irving R. Majors, North Little Rock, Ark., Univ. of Arkansas; Warren C. Miller, Corry, Pa., Univ. of Kansas; Ralph A. Muhich, Eueleth, Minn., Univ. of Minnesota; Francis J. Rigney, Deering, N. H., Columbia Univ.; Reuel A. Attallones, Lindsay, Calif., Western Reserve Univ.; Charles M. Struthers, San Leandro, Calif., Univ. of California; George S. Woodward, Sarasota, Fla., Washington Univ.; and John E. Canham, Barker, New York, Columbia Univ.



Captain SAMUEL LEE, MC
Olympic Champion diver who reported for Residency Training in Otolaryngology this week

The following officers have been enrolled in the Residency Training Program as of 1 July:

GENERAL SURGERY: Maj. James A. Bell, asst. res.; Maj. Lowell A. Steele, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Richard L. Sedlacek, asst. res. OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY: Maj. Don P. Peters, res.; Maj. Morris E. Brackett, asst. res.; Capt. William P. Walton, asst. res. INTERNAL MEDICINE: Capt. Robert M. Moore, Jr., res.; Capt. Lyman C. Gabrielson, asst. res.; Capt. Dell M. Gray, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Robert A. Markelz, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Leland M. Bitner, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Ervin A. Kjenaas, asst. res. OTOLARYNGOLOGY: Capt. Samuel Lee, asst. res. ORTHOPEDICS: Maj. Michael J. Hitchko, sr. res.; Capt. David I. Hull, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Edwin Lindig, Jr., res. PATHOLOGY: 1st Lt.

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New Plan Goes Into Operation at Letterman at Once

The revised Army pay system now effective includes many changes from the old procedure but, says, Captain Wayland G. Turner, finance officer, there will be no change in paydays.

Payments will be made monthly, as usual, and payday still will be at the end of the month.

The new system will not eliminate pay lines but the former method of signing the payroll weeks in advance of pay day has been discarded.

Simply, the new pay system operates along banking methods and the pay card—an intricate record—is somewhat like a bank book, Capt. Turner notes. Hereafter, existing accounts will be settled every six months rather than once a month.

Under the new procedure, partial pay may be drawn on pay day and the balance carried forward but, the finance officer advises, only one payment will be made monthly—unless circumstances are exceptional in the case of an individual.

The system provides that payments be made in even dollars, with any odd-cents carried forward in the account and settled every six months. Here, however, maximum due will be made on pay day, under present plans, unless the individual request, through his unit commander, that he desires lesser amount.

The "account," incidentally, is the total of what you earn and what amount you have coming after deductions—for allotments, insurance, laundry and so forth.

All accounts will be maintained on an individual record and will be closed 30 June and 31 December.

The Dental Corps Grows Up--Now Has Four Generals

With the recent announcement of the appointment of a second major general in the Dental Corps comes the realization of the great progress made by the Corps since its organization as a part of the Regular Arrmy.

At the present time the Dental Corps has two major generals—Major General Thomas L. Smith, Chief, and Major General Walter D. Love, Assistant Chief, Dental Division, OSG., and two brigadier generals—Brigadier General George R. Kennebeck, Chief of Dental Service, Air Forces, and Brigadier General Oscar P. Snyder, Director, Dental Division, Army Medical Center.

Back near the turn of the century, a move for a Dental Corps in the U. S. Army was viewed skeptically by the Surgeon General, who finally disapproved pending legislation because "the policy of the government has always been to make officers and enlisted men responsible for the care of their own teeth."

But in the same month of the same year, May, 1898, Dr. W. H. Ware became the first dentist to be officially employed in the U. S. Army. He was employed by Colonel W. O. Owen, MC, for the Philippine expedition.

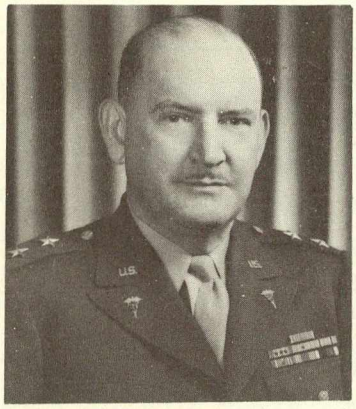
Still, the prospect of a dental corps was immediately no better, and it was two years later, in 1900, that the present Army Dental Corps' history assumed the aspect of a modest beginning.

Two bills introduced in Congress in 1899 and 1900 gained the indorsement of the Surgeon General, and they were the first proposed dental legislative measures so favored. The bills were not, however, enacted into law. Initiated and supported by the National Dental Association, both measures provided for the appointment of contract dental surgeons, comparable to the Army contract surgeons, in a ratio of one dental surgeon to every 1,000 in the Army.

The original law which created the Army Dental Corps 2 February 1901 was an amendment, introduced by the Honorable Peter J. Otey, to Senate Bill 4300, 6 December 1900, "An act to increase the efficiency of the permanent military establishment of the United States."

The first contract dental surgeons were appointed by the Surgeon General 11 February 1901. These three appointees also constituted the original board of examiners. While a total of 30 were appointed, only nine were permitted by law to be stationed in the United States, and these few officers were scheduled for itinerant service.

The Surgeon General's first report to the Secretary of War regarding dental service for the ficsal year ending 30 June 1902 was most complimentary and satisfactory.



Major General
THOMAS L. SMITH
Chief
Dental Division OSG



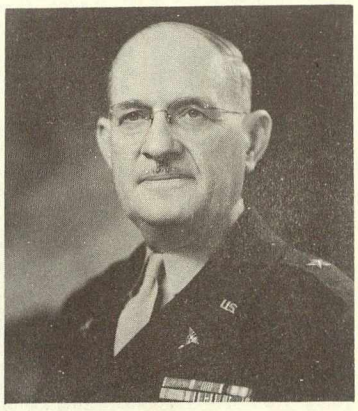
Brigadier General
OSCAR P. SNYDER
Chief, Dental Div.
Army Medical Center

In April, 1908, the first contract dental surgeons were authorized by law as part of the Medical Department of the Army, and the Act of 3 March 1911 permitted the first commissioned dental officers. The Act of 3 June 1916 authorized the President, through the governors of states and territories and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia, to appoint and commission dental surgeons as first lieutenants at the rate of one for each thousand enlisted men of the line of the National Guard. This same act also created the Officers' Reserve Corps.

It was on 9 August 1917 that the Dental Section of the Personnel Division, Office of The Surgeon General, was organized. Two months later, equal status was given to Dental and Medical Corps officers. The Dental Section became the Dental Division 24 November 1919.



Major General
WALTER D. LOVE
Asst. Chief
Dental Division OSG



Brigadier General
GEORGE R. KENNEBECK
Chief, Dental Div.
Air Forces

When war started between the United States and Germany 6 April 1917, there were only 86 dental officers. On active duty when the armistice was signed were 4,510 dental officers, including nine colonels and 17 lieutenant colonels and 91 majors.

The largest number of dental officers on duty at any time during World War I was 4,620. Seven dental officers were killed in combat, and eight died of disease in the AEF.

The Army sanitary school, dental section, was organized in November, 1917, and on 15 March 1918, a school for Army dental officers was instituted at Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Established 6 January 1922 at Walter Reed General Hospital was the Army Dental School.

The Walter Reed Dental Laboratory was established at that hospital during 1927, and the services of this laboratory were available to all stations in the first seven corps areas. The Letterman Dental Laboratory was organized during the same year at Letterman General Hospital, and its services were offered to the stations of the Ninth Corps Area. Another laboratory was organized at the station hospital in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for the Eighth Corps Area.

A board of dental officers was appointed by the War Department in October, 1919, for the purpose of revising the Dental Supply Tables and the standardization of dental equipment.

The Registry of Dental and Oral Pathology was established at the Army Medical Museum by the ADA in 1934.

The Act of 29 January 1938 provided for the rank of Brigadier General in the Dental Corps. Brigadier General Leigh C. Fairbanks was made Director of the Dental Division 17 March 1938 and served until 16 March 1942. General Fairbanks was responsible directly to the Surgeon General.

(During World War II, Army regulations prescribed that "matters relating to the dental service as a whole are administered by The Surgeon General with the advice and assistance of the Dental Corps assistant to The Surgeon General.")

The President having declared a state of limited emergency 8 September 1939 and a state of unlimited emergency 27 May 1941, officers of the Reserve Corps and National Guard were called to active duty rapidly.

Internships were created in Army hospitals for the purpose of observing potential candidates for the Dental Corps. To permit the entrance into the Dental Corps of interns who have completed successfully a year of dental internship in an Army hospital or dispensary, Congress approved the Act of 15 May 1940.

With the reorganization of the

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



PROMOTED
To First Lieutenant is Anna M. Laue, WAC, with Colonel James B. Stapleton (left) assisted by Colonel Emmett B. Litteral pinning on the silver bars.



UPPED TOO
Is Second Lieutenant Pamela E. Robertson, WAC, who was wearing bars after Colonel Stephen C. Sitter (left) collaborated with Colonel James B. Stapleton in bringing about the transition.



THE INK SPOTS
Who have given generously of their time to entertain the patients on many occasions.



THE WINNAHS
The Letterman golf team which finished the recent army tournament on top. L to R -- Major Wendell B. Patton, Lt. Col. Donald B. Lenkerd, Major Max L. Smith, Major Douglas E. Ramsey, and 1st. Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala.

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EDITORIAL

EDUCATION

All men see the same objects, but do not equally understand them. Intelligence is the tongue that discerns and tastes them. So says Thomas Traherne.

Intelligence can only stem from education; not necessarily the so-called "book learning" but the general education which is gained both through study scholastically and the application of lessons taught us by experience.

Book learning fosters both general and special interests, and, above all, it cultivates reasoning powers with which we may meet and understand a given situation.

Here at Letterman, you have considerable opportunity to improve your education, or study in special fields. Or just read. For concentrated study, see USAFI at the Troop I. & E. Branch. For casual interest reading, visit the recreational library. It's well-stocked with a wide variety of subjects.

By reading of one man's experience, we may learn of his methods in conquering situations much like our own. This is an age of ideas, indeed.



Eight new arrivals reported to the ANC here this week, including six from the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

First Lieutenant Grace C. Loehde, ANC, formerly assigned here, reported back to Letterman after a tour of duty which took her to Guam and Tokyo.

First Lieutenant Isabelle M. Melas, ANC, transferred from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena.

Assigned from the MFSS were Captain Jean N. Mauzey, ANC; First Lieutenant Eleanor C. Church, ANC; Captain Gertrude M. O'Day, ANC; First Lieutenant Nelda L. Weeks, ANC; Second Lieutenant Sophia Miklasebich, ANC, and Second Lieutenant Dorothy M. Sterling, ANC.

First Lieutenant Anne B. Zunich, ANC, originally scheduled for relief from active duty 30 June, has decided to remain in service for another two years and will stay at Letterman.

Miss Jocelyn Capp, San Jose State College student, who has been taking her last affiliation in OT at Letterman, took her final examination recently and will begin work at Bakersfield.

Captain **Rose M. Merhar,** ANC, left service as of 30 June.

Major **Kilie E. Bridges,** ANC, has returned to duty here after attending the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Leaving Letterman recently to report to a new assignment on Okinawa was First Lieutenant **Edna C. Campbell,** ANC.

First Lieutenant **Alice W. Epke,** ANC, has taken a 20-day leave to visit her home in Spencefort, New York, before starting for an assignment in Yokohama.

A new OT assigned to Letterman is First Lieutenant **Mabel Pierce,** WMSC, who was transferred here from Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia. She reported 27 June after two-weeks leave at Lake Tahoe.

WAC

The WAC dayroom is undergoing a face-lifting operation by being painted. The procedure has hit but one snag since it began. "Toy," pet dog of a detachment member managed to scare the painters away one day when they arrived for work.

The Fourth of July week end was observed in the WAC area with little ceremony. The only noise-maker was the cannon outside the barracks, which emitted a 48 gun salute in honor of the occasion. The noise and concussion resulting was sufficient for any Fourth of July enthusiast.

Most members of the detachment took advantage of the holiday week end and traveled to various locales. Sergeants **Betty Stahl** and **Evelyn Meadows** went to Reno, Nevada; Sergeant **Jane Jones** and Private **Lilly Roberts** went to Hamilton Field; Private **Marjorie Hurst** traveled to Sacramento, California; Private **Beth Bryson** visited her family in Dixon, California; Private **Mary Gray** and Corporal **Mildred Johnson** visited Millie's family in Reno, and Sergeant **Jessie King** went to Cloverdale, California.

Sergeant First Class **Julia Brew** is currently taking her 30 day reenlistment leave, and spending it in the Bay Area at present.

Seen and Heard Around the WAC Area: Sergeant **Pauline "Smitty"** Smith investigating every little noise in the barracks after ten o'clock at night—night fright, she calls it; the coke indulgers traveling as far as the gas station for their favorite beverage since the coke machine in the dayroom has been indisposed by the painters; the homebodies patiently piecing a jig-saw puzzle together these cool summer evenings; Private First Class **"Pat Leedham,** the official alarm clock, getting the late risers out of bed in time to go to work; the new supply sergeant counting sheets in her sleep.

Approved

The residency program in Cardiovascular Diseases at Letterman has received the official approval of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, American Medical Association, in concurrence with the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Colonel James O. Gillespie, Chief of the Medical Service, was notified of the action in a letter from the council's associate secretary, Edward H. Leveroos, MD.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 10, July 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Visitors

Colonel Seth O. Craft, MSC., war time Executive Officer at Letterman, was a visitor over the week end as he passed through San Francisco en route from Honolulu to Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan.

The colonel served here from November 1944 to May 1946 and was deeply concerned with the peak load of patients cared for during that period. Under his supervision the administrative details connected with the arrival of patients from overseas and their transfer to inland hospitals moved very smoothly and he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for superior performance of duty.

Colonel Craft was the first officer to test out the new "in transit" pay plan and he found it working to perfection under the direction of Captain Wayland G. Turner, our able Finance Officer.

Another visitor was Major Irving A. Faling, one time Inspector and chief "trouble shooter" for this command. He is now in business at Lewiston, Idaho, where he says the fishing is excellent.

More About NEW INTERN CLASS

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Marcus R. Beck, asst. res.; 1st Lt. Robert G. Richards, asst. res. PSYCHIATRY: Maj. Roy E. Clausen, Jr., asst. res.; 1st Lt. James R. Prest, Jr., asst. res. X-RAY: Col. Paul A. Paden, sr. res. PEDIATRICS: Maj. Bruce H. Bennett, res.; Maj. Gerald J. Colin, res.; 1st Lt. Robert K. Rawers, ast .res. CARDIOLOGY: Lt. Col. Byron E. Pollock, sr. res. ANESTHESIOLOGY: Capt. Forrest G. Woodman, asst. res.

ON THE SPOT



FRANK W. CORPE
Corporal

Corporal Frank W. Corpe works in Letterman's finance office, where he is now busily engaged in the work behind the new pay system.

Cpl. Corpe, who recently completed a four months' course at the Army Finance School in St. Louis, Missouri, entered the Army through selective service in September, 1945.

He was discharged 13 January 1947 and attended the University of Akron in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, before deciding to re-enlist 2 March 1948.

He took a three weeks basic refresher course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before reporting to Letterman and the finance office here in 1948. He re-enlisted especially for Letterman, he says, and his decision to choose this post was influenced by the fact that his stepbrother, Robert E. Russell, is a guard on not-too-far-off Alcatraz Island.

During his first term of service, Cpl. Corpe took basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and spent a month at Camp Beale, California, before being shipped to a POE and overseas.

He was first assigned to a base near Tokyo and then transferred with the 24th Infantry Division's quartermaster on Honshu. He stayed with the division when it shifted to Kyushu.

He was picked for a job in finance while overseas in July, 1946, and he remained in that assignment until leaving for the United States in December, 1946. He was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in January, 1947. Cpl. Corpe was in the Enlisted Reserve Corps for 14 months before re-upping.

The corporal is now assistant manager of the Presidio Theatre, where he has been working nights since his return from St. Louis. He has taken an indefinite leave from the job, however, while the new pay system takes all of his attention.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By JACK LEWYN

Some 100 Letterman patients were taken to Winterland this week to see the 1949 edition of Shipstads and Johnson's "Ice Follies." The trips, on Tuesday and Wednesday, were sponsored by the American Red Cross as part of its recreational program. Fifty patients saw the gala review both nights.

Corporal **Hellmut Schreima,** ward K-3, won the Chess Club trophy for the month of June.

Cpl. Schreima amassed a total 67 points to take top honors from among other competitors. He also won a prize for having played the most games during the month.

In taking the honor, he held a total of 36 points over the second place winner, Sergeant **John Kaleo.**

The honor for May was annexed by Captain **George M. Bryan,** ward D-2.

Other place winners in this month's competition were Private First Class **Dean Heckert,** third, with 20 points, and Captain **Gerald Moultrie,** ward D-2, fourth, ..20 points. Capt. Moultrie was the runner-up for May with a total of 40 points.

The Letterman Chess Club has been challenged to competition by the club at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland. The challenge was accepted, but the date for the beginning of play has not yet been determined.

The financial status of at least five patients was improved to the extent of one buck each on USAFI's coffee-time quiz show at the recreation hall recently.

Providing the right answers were Sergeant **Richard M. Yaeger,** ward 30; Private First Class **John M. Arego,** ward 28; **N. S. Kimble,** a veteran on ward 31; **John W. McCoy,** ward 31, and Private **Victor Jacewicz,** ward 31.

Private **Joe Nease,** detachment member now a patient on ward B-2, seen chatting on the ramp with Private **Eruy Morris,** also of the detach.

Members of the Red Cross-sponsored Barbecue Club went on an outing to San Anselmo last Wednesday. The club left in the morning, returning in the later afternoon.

Private First Class **Wendell Wescott,** a patient on ward 41, took his camera to the downtown Fourth of July parade and returned with a picture of a formation of San Francisco motorcycle policemen. He's proud of the shot, which he enlarged in the OT shop's photograph laboratory.

Private First Class **John J. Hall,** ward C-2, has been working on projects in OT to exercise his fingers although his hand is castbound.

Another patient who finds time to visit the OT photo lab is Captain **Robin McDonald,** ward D-2.

Private **Phillippi Bartowiak,** ward 31, has been using his time in OT working at the printing press. He's been printing labels for laboratory bottles.

Putting the finishing touches on a plastic tray is Corporal **Money Miller,** ward C-2. He fashioned the tray with a hand saw. He's been working in OT to improve the use of his wrist since last March.

Sergeant First Class **Frederick Henderson,** ward 29, an ex-mess sergeant, is busily engaged in making plastic articles.

Swim Meet

Swimming and diving experts from throughout the Sixth Army area will compete in an area-wide two-day meet at the Letterman pool, 27 and 28 July.

The championship events will include competitors from the Northern and Southern districts of the area.

The Southern district phase, also a two-day affair, will open at the Letterman pool 14 July and continue through the next day.

Both the Southern district meet and the championship affair will include free-style events at 50, 100, 220 and 440 yards; backstroke, 150; breaststroke, 220, and low-board diving.

The list of entries has not been announced, but a Letterman team will compete.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY JANE FULHAM
Sergeant

Sergeant Mary Jane Fulham, now assigned to PT, arrived at Letterman four weeks ago on transfer from Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sgt. Fulham, who entered service 22 December 1942 in the original WAAC, was in business in San Francisco as a physical therapist prior to enlisting.

After basic training at Des Moines, Iowa, she was assigned to recruiting duty in Buffalo and New York State for 16 months before reporting to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to attend the Signal Corps school.

She went overseas—to the Asiatic theatre—in the latter part of 1944 and was assigned to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Manila before returning to the United States in November, 1945.

Stateside, she was sent to the Personnel Distribution Command at Santa Ana Army Base as a PT. Sgt. Fulham remained at Santa Ana until the command was deactivated in March, 1946. She then was sent to Fort George Wright at Spokane, Washington, and later to Scott Field, Illinois.

Before shifting to Letterman, Sgt. Fulham spent 14 months at Madigan.

She now resides in San Francisco with her daughter and three grandchildren. Her son-in-law, a chief electrician's mate in the Navy, will become a Navy recruiter in San Francisco in the near future.

As a hobby, Sgt. Fulham is interested in wood-carving, a pastime in which she became interested at Madigan. She finds the hobby "fascinating." What tools she couldn't buy, she made herself.

Her Crosley car was really loaded for the trip to San Francisco from Fort Lewis, she notes.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By REBECCA GARCIA

Many Lettermanites took advantage of the three day holiday to visit nearby vacation spots and in spite of the extra cool weather encountered by many, holiday spirits weren't dampened. Others found plenty of sun and brought back evidence in the form of sun tans.

Mrs. **Helen Diez** of the Record Room found Niles Valley a bit chilly but had an enjoyable time.

Jody Gottschalk of Civilian Payroll Section and **Mary Ivory** of Civilian Personnel spent a day at Santa Rosa.

Annette Gross, secretary on Ward S-1, picnicked at a San Rafael park in Marin County.

Helen Lund of Payroll Section basked in the sun for two days at Rio Nito, near Russian River.

Lillian Ferguson of Finance visited with friends in San Luis Obispo for three days.

Ruth Callman of the Legal Office enjoyed the fireworks display in the Marina.

Among those who enjoyed the lovely weather at Santa Cruz were **Katherine O'Shea,** Hospital Inspector's office; **Margaret Finnigan,** Hospital Train Unit; **Bill O'Brien,** Records Administrator; **Bernice Blake,** Sergeant Major's office; **Dorothy Krueger,** Transportation office and **Hazel Nelson** of Finance.

Although the catch was small, **Lillian Taylor** of Registrar's office, said she enjoyed every minute of the fishing trip at San Joaquin Valley.

Frances Ahrens of the Sick & Wounded office spent the week end at Boulder Creek.

Joan Worley, former dental assistant in the Dental Clinic, will be the guest of **Emily Knepp,** also of the Dental Clinic, during a week's visit from Tacoma, Washington.

Jeanette Gardiner of the Sick & Wounded office is spending 30 days leave in Colorado Spring, Colorado.

Mr. Robert Grellman, Superintendent, Letterman Post Office, is currently enjoying two weeks leave. While he is away his duties are being handled by **Mr. James E. Quinn,** former Lettermanite, now on duty at the Fort Mason Post Office. Mr. Quinn states it is nice to be at Letterman again and we wish to place on record that it is nice to have him back.

"CAREFUL WITH CALORIES" IS CAUTION OF COMELY CAREERIST



1st Lieut. ALICE W. McFADDEN, WMSC
Capable Counter of Calories

Calorie budgeting may sound like an unglamorous job, but the six-year career of First Lieutenant Alice W. McFadden, WMSC, as an Army dietician has provided a lot in the adventure of travel.

Lieut McFadden not only has been stationed at various posts in the United States, but she has been overseas twice—to Tinian in the Pacific and to the European theatre.

A native of Ogdensburg, New York, Lieut McFadden entered the Army in New York City as a second lieutenant in May, 1943. Her first station was Billings General Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

From Indianapolis, she went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, station hospital before reporting to Fort Lewis, Washington, to await shipment overseas.

Lieut. McFadden went to Tinian, where she was stationed with the 374th General Hospital from December, 1944, to November, 1945.

Back in the states, she was sent to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York. She remained there until June, 1946, when she was assigned to 178th Station Hospital in Augsburg, Germany. Her next move was to Munich, Germany, and, two months later, back home.

Lieut. McFadden was stationed at the station hospital at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, before reporting to Letterman in August, 1948.

She likes Letterman very much, although she says the chill of San Francisco's weather does not favor a swimming enthusiast.

Lieut. McFadden is a graduate of St. Lawrence University at Canton, New York. She has been a dietician since she finished school.

As for hobbies, she collects classical records and, as though her travels have not been enough, she likes to hike and tour California in her automobile.

More About DENTAL CORPS

(Continued from Page 2)

Army in March, 1942, all services and supply branches were placed under a newly formed "Services of Supply," later called "Army Service Forces."

On 26 March 1942, the Dental Division was redesignated the "Dental Service," and on 1 September 1942, the dental service was placed, with a number of other medical specialties, under a newly organized Professional Services group.

General Fairbanks was succeeded as Director of the Dental Division at the end of his tour of duty, 17 March 1942, by Brigadier General Robert H. Mills. General Mills was promoted to the grade of major general on 7 October 1943, becoming the first dental officer to hold that rank. For a period during the war, Brigadier General Rex K. McDowell served on duty in the SGO as Deputy Chief, Dental Division under General Mills.

On 28 January 1942, a Dental Section was established in the Office of the Air Surgeon with the assignment of Lieutenant Colonel George R. Kennebeck.

With the approval of both the Surgeon General and The Adjutant General, an Act was passed on 29 June 1945 to grant dental officers the same command privileges enjoyed by other officers in the Medical Department.

When General Mills retired on 17 March 1946, his responsibilities were assumed by Brigadier General Thomas L. Smith, who had been dental surgeon of the European Theatre. General Smith was promoted to the grade of permanent major general in January, 1948, the first dental officer to hold that grade on a permanent basis.

Army regulations issued 27 September 1948 defined the functions and duties of the Dental Corps and its personnel. The regulations stated that "by statute the Dental Corps is part of the Medical Department and one of the Surgeon General's four assistants with the rank of major general is required to be an officer of the Dental Corps."

Matters relating to the dental service as a whole are administered under the direction of The Surgeon General by the Chief, Dental Division, as an assistant to the Surgeon General.

Report From Washington

A new Army directive provides for booster shots for tetanus immunization every four years, instead of annually, as required under previous regulations.

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The Air Force has integrated 66 Negro officers to various commands throughout the world as the first step in carrying out its new personnel policy.

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Amendments to Army Career Plan Circular 202, will require that a soldier be promoted to grade six shortly after completion of recruit training, or face probable expulsion from the Service. Company commanders who have reason for withholding promotion will be required to submit non-promotable cases to a reclassification board. These amendments also will continue indefinitely the authority granted in Circular 202 for promotion of sixth graders to grade five after 16 months' service, regardless of vacancies. This provision otherwise would expire August 1.

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T/O's of company-size Army combat units are being changed to provide for a warrant officer company administrator.

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The Air Force has authorized the Department of Agriculture to use spare storage space at Air Bases to help protect an expected bumper grain crop.

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Regular Army enlisted men of the first four grades now are eligible for duty with U.S. Military Missions abroad. These details previously were restricted to first-three-graders. Applicants must have three years of active service, U.S. citizenship, be at least 20 years of age, have all discharges honorable, have no special or general court martials, have not more than 60 days' lost time under AW 107, and know the language of the country to which assigned, or be able to learn it quickly.

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President Truman recently signed into law legislation giving National Guard and Reserve members disability benefits equal to those of the Regular Services.

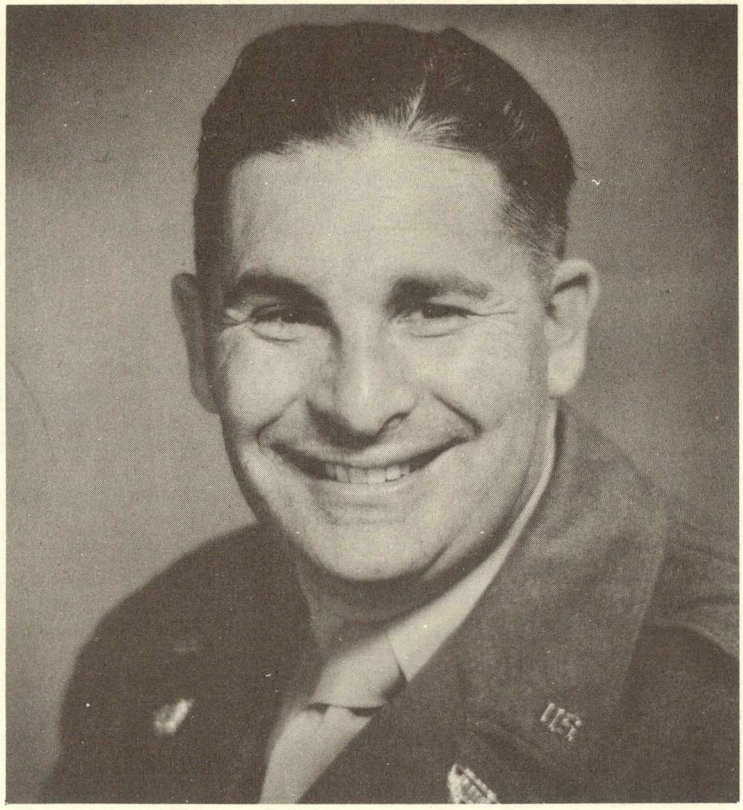
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Legislation introduced in the Senate would abolish Army and Air Force brigadier grades, making all general officers major generals, divided into upper and lower grades for pay purposes. The proposed legislation also would restore the rank of commodore in the Navy and Coast Guard and put into that grade all rear admirals of the lower pay grade.

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Title of the Army's "Hospital Administrative Assistant" career warrant has been changed to "Medical Administrative Assistant."

DON BRADLOR GIVES LETTERMAN THE FIRST LOOK AT THE NEW INSIGNIA



2nd Lieut. DON BRADLOR, S & A
Here for 90 days of temporary duty

Back with us again and for a 90 day period of active duty is Second Lieutenant Don Bradlor, former wartime Signal Corps photographer at the Presidio. During the years 1941-1943 Don snapped the shutter on many people and events which ultimately found the way to the Foghorn as photographs.

In his present detail to active duty he wears the insignia of the Staff and Administrative branch and that is something new to most of us. We learn that it is the successor to the "Branch Immaterial" section of other years and has no place in the Regular Army although it is established as a section of the Officers Reserve Corps. Officers holding commissions in the S & A branch may be assigned to duty with any other branch and are for the most part specialists in a variety of fields.

The insignia of the "S & A" reminds us of the sunburst brooch popular at the turn of the century and we looked for a description to pass on to our readers. Even put Major Margaret Kimpton on the trail but she met with no success. Those interested will have to take a look for themselves.

Don is a native of San Bernardino with a preference for this sector of the Golden State. From his station at the Presidio he subsequently served at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Crowder, and Fort Benning before going overseas to the ETO and then a tour of the Pacific Areas. He was never very far away from his camera at any time.

On separation from the service in December 1945 he went into business for himself and tried two lines before reverting to the camera as a means of support. He never lost his love for Letterman and the bulletin board on Corridor No. 1—displaying photographs of prominent people and scenes is his contribution to the patients. For more than a year he has changed the pictures once weekly and all come from his collection of photographs.

While here Don will be assigned to the Personnel office and we would not be surprised to find him using any odd moments to drop down and talk shop with Sgt. Dixon and Marshall Douglas in our own Photo Lab. They might exchange experiences with profit to all.

MEDICAL DETACH

Twenty-three promotions were listed this week, nine to Private First Class and 14 to Private.

Upped from Private to Pfc. were **Arno Friedmund, Jr., Frank A. Mates, George H. Schrimpf, Walter G. Shultz, John D. Spearman, Harry C. Tuttle, Ulysses Allen** and **Robert Archie.**

Promoted from Recruit to Pvt. were **Theodore D. Bitting, Joe F. Bricker, John B. Clement, Everett K. Hallmark, George J. Henderson, William R. Langford, Mairmon E. Morgan, August Murray, Raymond Negrete, Sam Perry, Hector Trevino, Harry Hibbs, Genare C. Gutierrez** and **James H. Harvey.**

Seven men left the post recently en route to Camp Stoneman for shipment to the Far Eastern Command.

The list included Sergeant First Class **Thomas J. Shipp,** Sergeant **John B. Price,** Corporal **Robert G. Bolt,** Corporal **Elton S. Pate,** Corporal **Marlyn Rosenbalm,** Corporal **William Neves** and Private First Class **Willie Browning.**

Corporal **Ralph Carlson** has shifted from the detachment orderly room to Fort Scott on six months' temporary duty.

The long week-end holiday immediately following payday was reflected by shorter lines in the mess halls, as usual.

Bidding farewell this week was Corporal **Robert Jock,** off for home on discharge.

To Whom It May Concern: The short-sheet job was a failure. Too easialy undone. Better luck next time.

Corporal **Jack Condon** has been prepping for the Army swim meet slated for the Letterman pool 14 and 15 July.

Back from furlough is Sergeant **Lloyd W. Woodbury.** He's slated to go overseas.

Such royal living as that enjoyed by Corporal **Tom Nilon** on a holiday afternoon.

Private First Class **Bernard Matteson's** impromptu softball hitting netted him a handful of blisters.

The VA has records dating back to the Revolution of 26,000,000 servicemen.

Anything for A Laugh

A Scotsman, leaving his friend's house where he had been visiting, held out to his host's small son a nicke and a dime, saying: "Now, Jock, which one will ye hae?"

Young Jock (being a cute, wee beggar) said, "Ach, Mr. MacIntosh, I was always taught not to be greedy, so I'll have the wee one."

MacIntosh replied: "Well, noo, Jock, for being a guid bairn, and no greedy, I'll gie the big one to ye."

The captain of a ship once wrote in his log, "Mate was drunk today."

When the mate became normal, he was terribly chagrined and angry —he pleaded with the captain to strike out the record; he declared that he had never been drunk before, that he would never drink again. But the captain said, "In this log we write the exact truth."

The next week the mate kept the log, and in it he wrote, "Captain was sober today."

"What," exclaimed the lady, "you charge me a dollar for that looseleaf scrap book?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the polite stationer, "that is the very lowest price we can sell it for."

"How is it that I can get one just like it at Smith's for 90 cents?"

"I cannot say, madam. Perhaps Mr. Smith has taken a fancy to you. He is a widower, and you are very beautiful and—yes, ma'am, one dollar, Thank you.

'Operation Lookout' Slated at Mitchel

New York (AFPS) — "Operation Lookout," an Air Force training program designed to school civilians in the operation of gound observation posts will be conducted at Mitchel Air Force Base this summer.

Approximately 1,300 posts will be set up, under the direction of the Air Defense Command, with lookout points placed about six miles apart from Maine to Delaware, forming a continental warning line.

To test observers' ability after training, fighters and bombers will participate in a six-day night-and-day raid this September.

Hot Ski Plans

New York (AFPS)—With a July heat wave rolling merrily on its way, and no relief in sight, the New York State Department of Commerce recently started collecting data for a ski guide.

ANNOUNCING *New Arrivals*



20 June

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Renfroe, a girl, **Nina Mari.**

21 June

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon J. McCloud, a boy, **Lynn Marshall.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Lee Haysley, Jr., a boy, **Robert Lee, III.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Chastoney, a girl, **Billie Vernita.**

22 June

To Sgt. and Mrs. Walter R. McQueen, a boy, **Donald Mark.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jack G. Hanley, a girl, **Sharon Ann.**

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Charles I. Carter, a boy, **Brian Edward.**

23 June

To Sgt. and Mrs. Morgan E. Hartman, a boy, **Frederick Royall.**

To Lieut. and Mrs. Zolton Feuerman, a girl, **Cheryl Diane.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Flaherty, a girl, **Barbara Ellen.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Loyd Beacham, a girl, **Linda Diane.**

To Mr. and Mrs. Bille Andersen, a girl, **Brittony.**

24 June

To Major and Mrs. Michael Hitchko, a boy, **Edward Bruce.**

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Reistroffer, a girl, **Paige Ann.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Attilio Fundy, a girl, **Rozan Harriet.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herman Klein, a girl, **Cynthia Jeanne.**

25 June

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Matthew Morris, a boy, **Matthew Charles, III.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Richard White, a girl, **Christine Melody.**

26 June

To Capt. and Mrs. John Kincaid, a boy, **John Craig.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Brown, a boy, **Kenneth Munnell.**

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Raymond O'Shea, a boy, **Daniel Patrick.**

27 June

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph La Liberte, a girl, **Mary Janine.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Gerard Reed, a boy, **Kenneth Nelson.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Charles Weisenhorn, a boy, **Stephen Charles.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. LaVerne Terry, a boy, **Roger Duane.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Joe Pasillas, a boy, **Francisco Filimon.**

To Major and Mrs. Robert Borman, a boy, **John Lawton.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Hugh Roberts, a boy, **Hugh Alex II.**

28 June

To Sgt. and Mrs. William Buzer, a boy, **Lawrence Steven.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Buono, a boy, **James Thomas.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Baker, a boy, **Donald.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Billy Nelson, a boy, **Robert Alan.**

30 June

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard Masterson, a boy, **William Thomas.**

To Pvt. and Mrs. James Masinter, a girl, **Lynnette Marie.**

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Graydon Essman, a boy, **Phillip Carlton.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Johnnie Littrell, a boy, **Anthony Douglas.**

1 July

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Litcff, a girl, **Marcia Ann.**

2 July

To Capt. and Mrs. John Black, a boy, **Frederick Albert.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, a boy, **David Dudley.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Frank Smith, a boy, **Randolph Clifton.**

To Lt. and Mrs. James Lauderdale, a boy, **John Laurence.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Howard Turner, a girl, **Kimberly.**

3 July

To Cpl. and Mrs. Richard Gates, a girl, **Darleen Brigit.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Harry Dellett, a boy, **Robert Charles.**

To Major and Mrs. Edward Rouse, a girl, **Margaret Blanche.**

To Lt. and Mrs. John Barricklow, a boy, **Robert Alan.**

To Capt. and Mrs. George Stephens, a girl, **Janice.**

4 July

To Cpl. and Mrs. John Budmon, Jr., a boy, **Dennis Michael.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence Winsor, a boy, **Bruce Ronald.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis Hutchison, a boy, **Michael Roland.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John Tabor, a girl, **Margaret Rose.**

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: I would like to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance without letting the old beneficiary know about it. May I do this?

Answer: Yes. A veteran may change the beneficiary of his NSLI policy at any time without their knowledge or consent.

Question: If I accept and cash the compensation check VA has sent me, does than mean I am satisfied with the rating given me?

Answer: No. The acceptance of a check does not waive any rights you have in claiming greater compensation or pension than that which has been awarded you.

Question: Why is it necessary to submit proof of legal relationship when this evidence was on my husband's military service records?

Answer: The statement on military records is not considered sufficient evidence for a court of law. No investigation is made by the military of legality of the marriage or legal dissolution of previous marriages, either of yourself or your husband. These facts must be established by authenticated copies of public records.

Question: I just received my NSLI policy but I notice the beneficiary is not endorsed on it. Why is this?

Answer: NSLI policies do not show the beneficiary or the option chosen by the insured. When you designated your beneficiary the form you signed was made part of your records. If the designations were endorsed on your policy, it would not necessarily be accurate at a later date, since you can change your designation without sending in your policy to be corrected.

Question: I am considered totally disabled for insurance purposes but receive only 20 per cent for disability compensation payments. Can my award be increased?

Answer. Your award can be increased only if the service-connected disability is shown to have increased in severity. For insurance purposes, there may be other disabilities, not service - connected, which, when combined with your service-connected condition, produce total disability.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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New Presidio Club For Enlisted Men Formally Opened

The Presidio of San Francisco's beautiful new $341,000 service club for enlisted personnel was formally opened Thursday evening last, with appropriate ceremonies.

Financed entirely by non-appropriated funds obtained from Army Exchange and Motion Picture Services receipts and surplus welfare funds remaining from World War II days, the club will furnish varied facilities for recreational and social activities for enlisted personnel and their families.

After the official opening of the club's doors, and a brief address by General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander; a program of dancing, singing and novelty acts was staged, with music furnished by an Army orchestra, and special refreshment served by the Sixth Army's Food Service School.

Facilities of the club include five bowling alleys; pool, billiard and snooker tables; a record library; a reading room stocked with current publications; a writing room; a lounge with a capacity for 450; a large cafe and a snack bar.

Under the supervision of Miss Ruth Stoner, Club Director, and Miss Joan Mathews, Recreation Director, a continuing program of dances, games, music and instruction in crafts, dancing, and bridge will be featured.

The new club is but a short walk from the Letterman area and will add much to the "on post" recreational activities for the men of the Medicl Detachment and their families.

IG Coming

The annual General Inspection of Letterman for the fiscal year 1950 will be made by the 6th Army Inspector General during the period 18-22 July 1949.



VISITING BRITISH OFFICER
Lieutenant Colonel G. R. M. Apsey (left), British Medical officer on loan to the Pakistan government discusses administrative problems with Colonel James B. Stapleton, Letterman Executive Officer.

British Medical Officer Visits Here

Lieutenant Colonel G. R. M. Apsey, on the British Service Special List, and attached to the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, was a Letterman visitor this week. After a brief chat with the Commanding General he was escorted by Major Oliver H. Steed on a tour of the hospital facilities and displayed special interest in administrative procedures.

After his graduation from Guys Hospital Medical School in London, Colonel Aspey joined the Indian Army Medical Service and served until the independence and partition of India when the medical service under British control was inactivated. At that time the government of Pakistan requested the retention in service of certain British officers and in the group Col. Aspey remained to command the Military Hospital at Karachi.

Colonel Aspey is in the United States on a combined vacation and professional tour of the country. With the co-operation of the Surgeon General of the Army he has been invited to visit some of the military medical installations and recently spent some time at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, and at Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso.

Army Foresees No Immediate Need For New Draft

(AFPS)—Admitting a degree of concern over a recent slump in recruiting, the Army still isn't planning to call any men under the Selective Service law in the immediate future.

Authorized 677,000 officers and men for the fiscal year beginning July 1, the Army computed its strength as of March 31, at 664,900. Reports for June indicated recruiting was somewhat off.

The Army is glad it has the Selective Service law to fall back upon, however, should the recruiting slump continue too long. "Having the Selective Service law on the books is like gold in the bank in time of financial trouble," according to Lt. Gen. E. H. Brooks, Army personnel director.

"By August we ought to know where we are and whether we will be able to get the men by working hard on recruiting," General Brooks said. "I think we can get the full 677,000 by the end of the year."

It's a Boy

For Rabbi and Mrs. William Z. Dalin at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco and his name is David Gil.

Rabbi Dalin is the Jewish Auxiliary chaplain for Letterman General Hospital and holds a captain's commission in the Chaplains Reserve Corps.

Letterman is Host to 328th General Hospital Reserve

The second general hospital reserve unit to hold its summer camp at Letterman for active on-the-job training in the various phases of hosptial procedure is the 328th General Hospital Reserve from Utah.

The 328th, activated in January, 1948, opened its training program here last Monday. The camp will continue through 24 July, when the organization will revert to inactive status.

The first such reserve unit to hold its training program here this summer—the 352nd General Hospital Reserve of Northern California—was active at Letterman from 4 June to 19 June. The policy established for personnel of this and other ORC units, assigned this hospital for summer tours of active duty training, is their assignment to their local counterparts within the hospital and both professional and administrative procedures are included in the training program for the 328th General Hospital unit. Medical and dental officers will work with the regular members of the Letterman staff, and nurses will be assigned to that service here. Administrative officers are on tours of duty as assistants to the Officers of the Day.

The training program is being directed by Lieutenant Colonel Homer C. McCullough, MSC, who is the Medical Unit Instructor with the North California-Nevada Officers Reserve Corps Instructor Group, with headquarters on the Presidio.

Colonel C. S. Evans, MC-Res, Salt Lake City, the regular commanding officer of the reserve unit, was unable to attend the training camp.

Acting commanding officer in his absence is Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. Robinson, MC-Res, who is a practicing surgeon in Salt Lake City. Col. Robinson is a member of the staff of Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City; attending surgeon at the Veterans Hospital at Salt Lake City; clinical instructor in surgery at the University of Utah, and consultant at County Hospital, Salt Lake City.

Lieutenant Colonel Lester T. Parta, MSC, unit instructor at Fort Douglas, Utah, is attending the summer camp with the reserve unit.

The 328th holds two meetings monthly at Fort Douglas when on inactive status. Personnel reside in Salt Lake City and Ogden and vicinity.

Headquarters for the unit during the summer camp is in Room 214, Administration Building.



328TH GENERAL HOSPITAL RESERVE

Front row, left to right: Capt. George B. Petty, Capt. Jessie Adams, Col. Clint H. Harrison, Lt. Col. Robert R. Robinson, Maj. Harold C. Jenkins, Maj. Arthur E. Manwaring, Maj. John M. Denson, 1st Lt. LeRoy F. Stuart. Second row, left to right: Capt. Byron M. Billings, Capt. Willard C. Latteier, Capt. Ernest L. Olson, Capt. Dorothy L. Stitzer, 1st Lt. Gladys I. Wagstaff, 1st Lt. Phyllis M. Smout, 2nd Lt. Esther H. Hebrew, 2nd Lt. Parry E. Thomas.

In addition to Col. Robinson, the following officers of the 328th General Hospital Reserve are on active duty: Unit assignment, place of residence, and civilian occupation is listed for each officer:

Colonel Clint H. Harrison, DC, pacticing dental surgeon, Salt Lake City; Major Harold Jenkins, MC, corporation physician, Kennecott Copper Company, Bingham Canyon, Utah; Captain George B. Petty, DC, practicing dental surgeon, Ogden; Captain Jessie Adams, ANC, chief nurse of the unit, dispensary supervisor, Ogden Arsenal, Ogden.

Major John E. Denson, MSC, associated with Veterans Administration regional office, Salt Lake City; Major Arthur E. Manwaring, MSC, Salt Lake City, professional sales representative, Schering Corporation.

Captain Bryan M. Billings, MSC, registrar, Veterans Hospital, Salt Lake City; Captain Willard Latteier, MSC, social worker, Veterans Administration regional office, Salt Lake City; Captain Ernest L. Olsen, MSC, Beneficial Life Insurance Company, Salt Lake City; First Lieutenant LeRoy F. Stuart, MSC, student, Pharmacy school, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Second Lieutenant Parry Thomas, MSC, employee, Continental National Bank and Trust Company, Salt Lake City.

Captain Dorothy L. Stitzer, ANC, staff nurse, Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital, Ogden, Utah; First Lieutenant Phyllis M. Smout, ANC, public health nurse, Utah State Department of Health, Ogden, Utah; First Lieutenant Gladys I. Wagstaff, ANC, staff nurse, Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital, Ogden; Second Lieutenant Esther Hutchings Hebrew, ANC, Lihi, Utah, stewardess Western Air Lines.

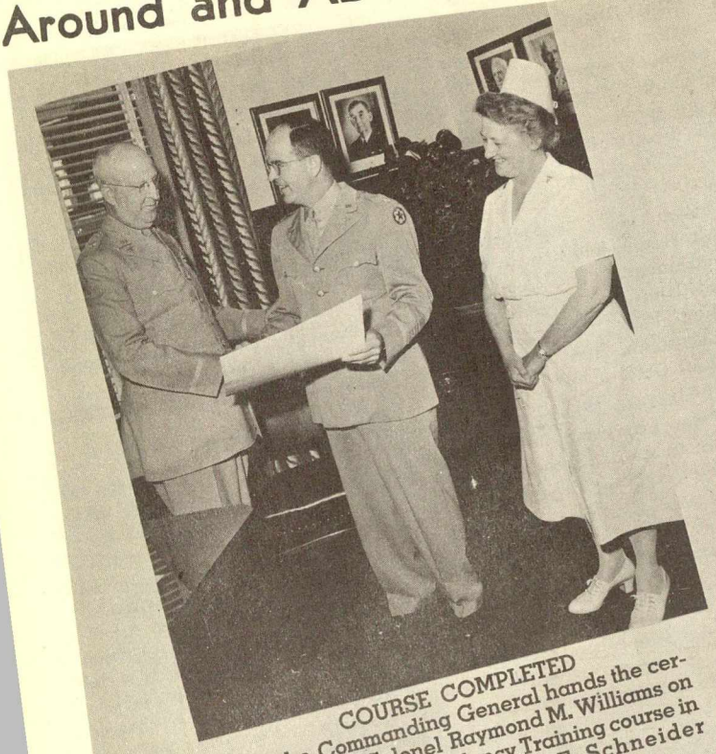
New Handbook

A new handbook of information about Letterman and its facilities has come off the press and is available for distribution to patients on admission to the hospital. It will serve to orient the newcomers much sooner than was possible under the old "seek and find" method.

Lieutenant Colonel James N. Mackin, Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, suggested the handbook and with the approval of the Commanding General the work was accomplished by the Ogden General Depot.

The first watches only had one hand—the hour marker.

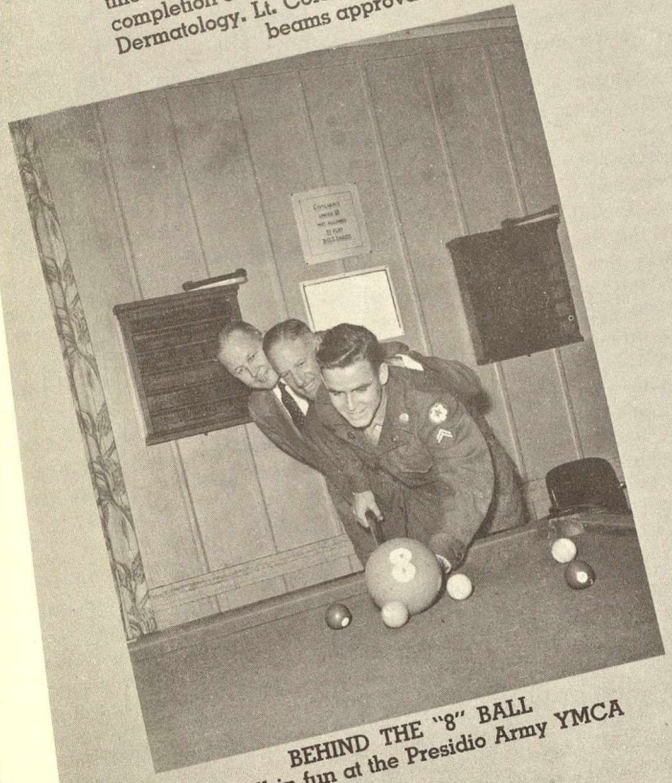
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



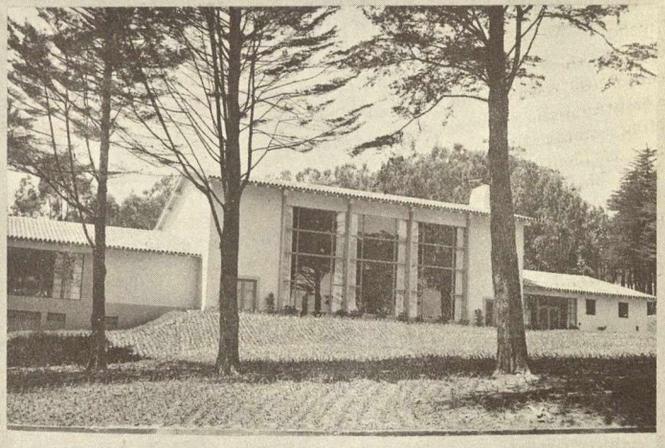
COURSE COMPLETED
And the Commanding General hands the certificate to Lt. Colonel Raymond M. Williams on completion of the Residency Training course in Dermatology. Lt. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider beams approval.



JUST MARRIED
In the Post Chapel by Father Lavery and the bridal party poses. L to R -- Mrs. Harold Dixon, Matron of honor; Grace Faraldi -- the bride; Pfc. Harry K. Anderson -- the groom; and Mr. Sgt. Harold E. Dixon -- Best Man. The man in the middle is Chaplain Eugene L. Lavery.



BEHIND THE "8" BALL
But all in fun at the Presidio Army YMCA



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For enlisted men formally dedicated by General Clark on Thursday for the use of enlisted men of the Presidio and sub posts.

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EDITORIAL

FACING IT

The men who succeed best in life always seem to be cheerful and hopeful persons who go about their business with a smile on their faces, taking the chances and changes of life like men and facing the rough and smooth alike, as it comes.

The cynic makes fun of all earnestness. He makes fun of everything and everyone who feels that something can be done. But in his heart, he knows that he is a defeated man and that his cynicism is merely an expression of the fact that he has lost courage and is beaten.

These comments have been expressed variously by men who are successful, but who have also experienced the difficulties which clutter the road to success. They are well worth remembering at those times when we are not favored by good fortune.

No man's life is completely without hardship, but it is the cheerful and hopeful man who makes the hurdles to inner satisfaction.



The ranks of the ANC at Letterman were bolstered this week with the arrival of 11 nurses, assigned from the Medical Field Service School, Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The list includes Captain Jean N. Mauzey, Captain Gertrude M. O'Day, First Lieutenant Eleanor C. Church, First Lieutenant Nelda Weeks, First Lieutenant Margaret S. Meyers, First Lieutenant Margaret K. Cascio, Second Lieutenant Phyllis Doddridge, Second Lieutenant Gloria Favors, Second Lieutenant Josephine J. Jankowski, Second Lieutenant Dorothy M. Sterling and Second Lieutenant Sophia Miklasevich, all ANC.

Captain Marjorie B. Bean, ANC, has taken a 21-day leave during which she will visit New York City and Paterson, New Jersey. She plans to drive her new car on the return trip to San Francisco and Letterman.

First Lieutenant Minerva King, ANC, will visit Chicago and vicinity during a 30-day leave.

A three-day pass was taken this week by Second Lieutenant Betty Coldecott, WMSC, of occupational therapy.

Currently on duty with physical therapy is Second Lieutenant Grace M. Rowlan, WMSC, Reserve. Lieut. Rowlan, a resident of Tucson, Arizona, will be on duty here for two weeks.

Second Lieutenant Avis M. Rutledge, nee Redfield, WMSC, has returned to duty with OT. She was married 2 July to Dr. John D. Rutledge, San Francisco.

The physical therapy staff held a farewell party for First Lieutenant Beatrice Sandhoff, WMSC, who is scheduled to leave Letterman today on a pre-embarkation leave. She will report to Camp Stoneman 19 August for shipment overseas. The party was held at the San Francisco home of Captain Vida Buehler, PT chief.

WAC

"Terry," pet cocker spaniel belonging to Captain **Charlotte Woodworth,** became the proud mother of three male puppies this week. It was quite a surprise to Captain Woodworth, if not to the dog, and the C.O. was forced to play the part of midwife for the event.

Private **Joyce Echelberry** is the most recent addition to the WAC Detachment. She reported here from Camp Lee, Virginia after completing basic training and clerk school there, and hails from the state of Ohio.

Private **Beth Bryson** was granted a 15 day emergency leave to go to Oregon to see her grandmother who has been reported as critically ill.

The WAC bowling team is still in the lead of the women's league by two games after defeating Barett's Nurses team three games last Monday.

Sergeant **Loie Silsby,** recently discharged, is now on active duty with the 318th General Hospital reserve unit at Letterman. Same uniform, new outfit, different job.

Sergeant **Pauline Smith** traveled to Santa Barbara on a three-day leave this week and returned with just a few more coats of California tan.

Sergeant **Betty Stahl** became a patient on ward P Wednesday. Best wishes are extended for a speedy recovery.

Seen and Heard Around the WAC Area: Screams of anguish as a glass of cold water is unexpectedly thrown down some victim's back while taking a hot shower; several members of the detachment wearing clothes which vaguely resemble a misplaced paint container; everyone industriously marking clothes for the inspection Friday; Sergeant First Class **Ellie Eaton** being aptly assisted in her packing by a couple of willing volunteers, although their methods were questionable; Sergeant **Dorothy Holly** back to duty after spending leave in the Bay Area; Sergeant **Jane Jones** and First Sergeant **Nellie Johnson** digging out immunization records upon receipt of the news that they are being shipped overseas next month. **"Tommy" Jones** is to report to Camp Stoneman and **Nellie Johnson** is traveling to New Orleans for shipment to the Caribbean.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 17, July 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Encouraging

Special auto tag provisions for National Guard members are being granted by seven states: Alabama—exempts active National Guard, US Army officers and enlisted men (assigned to National Guard) from license and registration fees; Arkansas—recognizes regulation tag (from Adjutant General) bearing a serial number and letters "ANG" in lieu of State, cit tags; Illinois—charges $1 for tags and attaches plate indicating National Guard membership; Mississippi—exempts Guardsmen from road and street tax; North Carolina—gives special plates with words "National Guard;" Utah—legislature readying law for free tags to Guardsmen; Virginia — issues Guardsmen tags in selected series with "VA NG" superimposed upon the surface for easy identification.

No signs of life in California.

Legal Aid

Members of the command who are seeking legal advice will get it under more favorable circumstances in the future and without the benefit of an audience.

Captain Lamar F. Graves, JAGD, and his staff have moved to more commodious quarters in Rooms 110 and 112 on the first floor of the Administration Building with an arrangement that permits complete privacy in the discussion of personal affairs with the "Genial Judge."

Captain Graves is prepared to assist the members of the command and the patients in all matters connected with the law. He will help draw up wills, advise on income tax procedures, and deliver ex cathedra opinions on related subjects.

And all without a bill at the end of the month.

DO YOU KNOW?



MISS REGINA MIYATA
Receptionist

Miss Regina Miyata is the receptionist at headquarters of the Red Cross at Letterman, where she has worked variously since 1946. She has held her present position since last April.

Miss Miyata, a soft-speaking young lady with an attractive smile, returned to Letterman after working for eight months at Menlo Medical Center, Menlo Park.

At the center, she worked for two former Lettermanites, Dr. Stanford Rossiter and Dr. Charles B. Armstrong.

But, she says, she couldn't stay away from Letterman. Hence, her return.

Miss Miyata first came here as a medical secretary in July, 1946, and worked briefly for the Red Cross here. She spent about a year and a half as medical secretary on ward N-2, where Dr. Armstrong, then Major Armstrong, was ward officer.

A graduate of San Jose High School, she took a short course in business and eventually became a stenographer-receptionist. She also has lived and worked in Denver, Colorado.

Miss Miyata, a native of San Jose, now lives in San Francisco and takes an active interest in church work. She directs flower arrangements for Pine Methodist Church.

Her interests aside from work include a liking for all types of music, especially light classical works.

Miss Miyata also likes tennis and ping-pong.

It was her liking for Letterman which brought her back to the post, where, evidently, she will stay this time.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

When the Special Services fishing boat eased into port with members of the Anglers' Club fishing party this week, Captain **William M. Bauer,** patient on ward 26, came home with a prize catch.

The angler landed a 16-pound salmon, thereby qualifying for competition in the club's fishing derby.

In the "derby," running from April to October, a cup is awarded to the angler who has caught the largest salmon and the largest catch in the classification of "other edible fish."

Capt. Bauer's salmon was the largest so far in the current derby.

The next largest catch of the latest outing was made by Corporal **Kenneth Hymer,** ward 30, who hooked a 13-pounder. The catch, however, was not large enough for an entry in the competition.

First Lieutenant **Larry Walthers,** ward D-2, who has spent four years as a patient, will soon be occupying that little house with a rose arbor at San Diego.

First Lieutenant **Elwood C. Nelson,** ward D-2, of the Air Force, takes a ribbing about automobiles and flying.

Another trip to the Ice Follies revue at Winterland in San Francisco was made by patients and personnel Wednesday night.

That state of affairs on ward D-2 has been pepped up by Colonel **Donald W. Wisenhart,** who, it's said, has a pair of dice with a personality all their own.

A special show at the recreation hall last Monday night for patients and personnel featured a review of native dances from many countries, staged by the International House on the University of California campus at Berkeley.

Private **Joe Nease,** ward B-2, says he doesn't know who scribbled his name on a bulletin board list of prospective talent. The talent listed beside his name was "sing," but Joe says he doesn't sing, and smilingly says "somebody was playing a joke" on him.

More winners on the USAFI quiz program, originating on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, were listed on the tab of the man who hands out the bucks.

The list includes Privates **Wendel D. Scott,** ward 27; Private First Class **H. W. Richardson,** ward 40; Private **R. D. Friel,** ward M-2; Private **Kenneth T. Hymer,** ward 30, (the fisherman), and Private **Gaither Bland.**

Seen here and abouts is Private **James Sartin,** a member of the detachment who has been a patient at Letterman for several months.

SAN FRANCISCO KNOWS HOW



ON THE SPOT



ROBERT C. McCRACKEN
Private First Class

Private First Class Robert C. McCracken has been a classification specialist since he came to Letterman last 1 February after finishing classification school at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Pfc. McCracken, who has a total of four years of service, re-enlisted in the Army at Danville, Illinois, last November and went to Camp Lee after a period of processing at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

His first term of service began in March, 1943, with a draft call in his hometown of East St. Louis, Illinois, and after basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was stationed with the Air Corps and ground forces until he was shifted to the Medical Corps in March, 1944.

He attended Surgical Technician's school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and was assigned to the 197th General Hospital, with which he went overseas in October, 1944.

As a surgical technician, he was stationed with the hospital at San Quentin, France, for 18 months.

Pfc. McCracken returned to the United States and was discharged in April, 1946, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

During the two years he was out of the Army, he attended Eastern Illinois State College at Charleston, Illinois, majoring in zoology and music.

After this period of enlistment is up, Pfc. McCracken plans to reenter college, with his sights set on a career in music.

McCracken likes to sing, and it's a career in singing in which he is interested—musical comedy or light opera. He was heard over KLGH last Tuesday, incidentally, on a talent program.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Everytime she hears the popular refrain "June is Bustin' Out All Over" **June Grumpstrup** of Military Personnel stamps her foot mildly and says: "Tain't So."

Hazel McElhatton of the Letterman Post Exchange is resigning from her duties after two years of service at Letterman. She plans to devote her full time to her home.

Mrs. **Frances Williams, former** Letterman librarian, visited friends here this week. She is now librarian at the Fairfield-Suisan Air Base.

Alice Torgerson of Finance made a flying trip to Lake Tahoe where she spent two days.

Gwen Skopin of the Baggage Room returned to work "brown as a berry" after a vacation spent at Manhattan Beach down south.

Mrs. **Stella Zumwaldt** of the Adjutant's office enjoyed short trips with her daughter during a week's leave.

Annette Gross of Ward S-1 resigned after four years duty at Letterman. She said she had no immediate plans for the future, but promises herself plenty of rest.

Joe Marea of the Orthopedic Shop left on a month's tour which will include Lake Louise and Banff.

"Ace" Guth of Ward A-1, a patient at Letterman, reports that she is feeling much better.

Mary Lerner of the Dental Clinic is currently on three weeks leave, two of which will be spent at Lake Tahoe.

The girls in Civilian Personnel are considering adopting "So Tired" as their theme song.

Elizabeth Bringman, who has been with Medical Supply since October 1948, has submitted her resignation due to illness in her immediate family.

Freida Kleinman of the Laboratory Service resigned after a year and a half tour of duty.

Jack Watson is the latest addition to the Laboratory Service.

Back with us again is **Jenny Anglin** of the Post Office Exchange Cafeteria, who, after a short stay in Baltimore, decided that San Francisco and Letterman was the place for her.

The machine gun was first fired from a plane in 1912.

Penguins' eyes are square when fully contracted; hexagonal when half dilated, a circle when fully dilated.

VETERAN WAC MAJOR LOOKS US OVER AND FINDS ALL WELL AT LETTERMAN



Major KATHERINE STULL, MSC (WAC)
Chief, Women's Interest Section, Technical Information Division, Office of the Surgeon General.

In San Francisco as a witness at the trial of "Tokyo Rose" O'Aquino now in progress, Major Katherine Stull, MSC (WAC) spent a few days at Letterman this week in her capacity as Chief of the Women's Interest Section of the Office of Technical Information in the Surgeon General's Office at Washington.

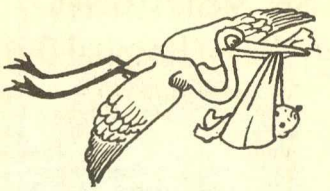
Major Stull is a native of Nebraska, attended high school in Chicago, and acquired her university training with two years at "Cal" over in Berkeley and two years at the University of Kansas before entering the newspaper profession. She worked on several papers in Oklahoma and was a city editor when World War II appeared on the horizon.

On the organization of the WAAC Major Stull came into the army and was a student at the first OCS at Fort Des Moines. She was commissioned as second lieutenant in August 1942 and remained as Public Relations Officer for the WAAC Training Center until transferred to the Headquarters of the WAAC in Washington. When the WAC was established the major moved into the new organization and spent the next two years in the Pentagon on assorted assignments.

In July 1946 Major Stull was sent overseas to headquarters of the Far Eastern Command and assigned to the G-2 section where she remained until September 1948. She was due to return to the mainland just about the time "Tokyo Rose" was being sent back to face trial on treason charges and the major was placed in charge of a WAC detail of attendants to escort the prisoner on the ocean voyage to San Francisco. For a brief period before reporting to Washington Major Stull was a patient at Letterman and is no stranger to these confines.

While here the major conferred with Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Principal Chief Nurse, on local matters connected with the nursing staff, and later met with Lieut. Colonel Ruby F. Bryant, Supervising Nurse for the 6th Army. She also held conferences with Captain Velma Richardson, Chief Dietitian, Captain Vida L. Buehler, Chief Physical Therapist, and Capt. Alyce H. Milne, Chief Occupational Therapist at Letterman.

Major Stull is not familiar with our billboards but holds the idea that one is lucky when he lives in California.



5 July

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Lew, a girl, **Marilyn Jo Ann.**

To Capt. and Mrs. William Pouncey, a girl, **Susan Inez.**

6 July

To Lieut. and Mrs. William Marsh, a boy, **Thomas William.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Tucker, a girl, **Mary Jane.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Richard Dyson, a boy, **Quinten Lawrence.**

7 July

To Capt. and Mrs. James D. Wattenbarger, a girl, **Shelley.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter I. Shermer, a girl, **Sherry Lynn.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald S. Tate, a boy, **Kurt Donald.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert D. Bond, a girl, **Carol Cecilia.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Fred B. Proctor, a girl **Margaret Elizabeth.**

8 July

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Graff, a girl, **Sue Willeda.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Bernard Garrett, a boy, **Sheddrick Larmont.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Allen Feretti, a girl, **Cheryl Lee.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Alvin Fuller, a boy, **Patrick Alvin.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Carl D. Hennessy, a boy, **William Gordon.**

9 July

To Maj. and Mrs. Frederick E. Herrick, a boy, **Frederick David.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jack E. Dulaney, a girl, **Lois Charlotte.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Norman J. Watkins, a girl, **Judith Anne.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. George E. Conneway, a girl, **Sandra Lee.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Merle O. Mark, a boy, **Robert Owen.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Franklin I. Chandler, a boy, **Franklin Robert.**

10 July

To Sgt. and Hrs. Henry Clark, a girl, **Bonnie Gwendolyn.**

Army 'Medics' Given Naval Hospital Duty

Washington (AFPS) — Assignment of Army personnel to four Naval hospitals, pursuant to recommendations of the Hawley Board, has been announced by Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Army Surgeon General.

The joint staffing of NME hospitals is intended to effect economies in the assignment of physicians and other professional personnel, and to reduce the total number of hospitals.

Under the plan, hospitals of each Service allocate a certain number of beds for personnel of other Services.

Joint staffing of the four hospitals will provide 825 beds for Army and Air Force patients. The four hospitals affected are: St. Alban's, Long Lsland, N. Y.; Corona and Long Beach Hospitals, California; and Portsmouth Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.

Nine Army Medical officers were assigned to St. Alban's Hospital, making 450 beds available for Army-Air Force personnel, and making possible the closing of Fort Totten General Hospital, Long Island, and reduction of Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., to station hospital status.

Troops who became prisoners of the Germans in War II, and who didn't fare too well on the prison rations, are going to be compensated out of seized enemy assets. Payments will be made almost to the same extent as captives of the Japs, with an average of about $413 going to each former PW.

'Cold War' Tension Seen as Continuing

Fort Leavenworth, Kans. (AFPS) — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Omar W. Bradley said recently that this country must "anticipate a long period of tension" in its military planning.

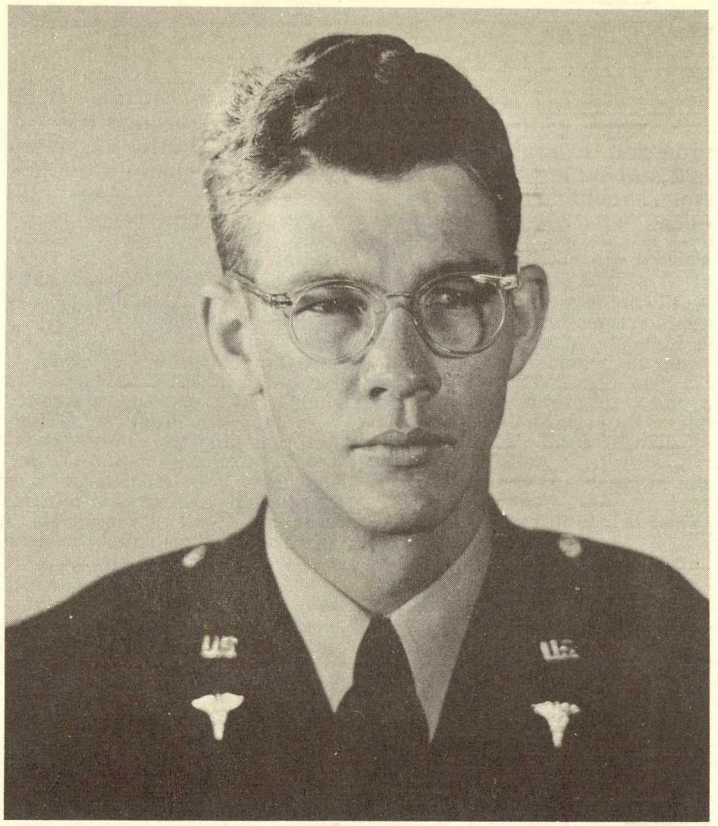
General Bradley, in a talk before the graduates of the Command and General Staff College here, stated:

"Militarily speaking, the situation is as stable as it is going to be for some time to come. In the four years since V-J Day I think the advantage has swung to our side and that the aggressor, who was once a friend, is now on the defensive.

"Rather than expect a long period of friendly co-operation, however, we must anticipate a long period of tension, with alternating day-to-day improvements or setbacks, which must not be allowed to unstabilize the long range plans for security."

The General spoke before a class of 416 officers—365 from the United States and 51 from other countries.

WE LIKE TO KEEP THINGS GREEN AROUND HERE SO "DICK" IS WELCOME



1st Lieut. RICHARD E. GREEN, MC
Who joined here for Intern Training this week.

Following in the footsteps of his distinguished dad, First Lieutenant Richard E. Green reported here last week for one year of active duty in connection with the intern training program.

It was a sort of home coming to the young medical officer because as a youth he lived at Letterman while his father, Colonel Mack Green, was the Chief of the Medical Service here from 1945 to 1948 when he left for a similar assignment at Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Lieut. Green began life in the Medical Department with his birth at Walter Reed General Hospital and in keeping with tradition he had to surmount the usual difficulties encountered by army children in the matter of acquiring an education. In his early days he attended school in the Philippines and managed to complete high school while his father was stationed in Panama. From that time on it was no problem because he was all set for Vanderbilt down Tennessee way just like his dad before him. He became an M. D. this summer and won the appointment for intern training here.

He will find our intern and residency training program operating smoothly with all the "bugs" washed out as we are in our third year with more of the "know how" than we had in the beginning. As an intern he will rotate on all of the services and get a well rounded medical education with practical experience in the care of the sick. His final standing will determine whether or not he can continue in the Residency Training. Competition for appointments is keen but that does not deter the average army boy who has been competing all his life and takes such in his stride.

Just for the time being the young lieutenant is a bachelor but he has no idea of retaining that status. He holds no part for the cynics who explain the adage of married men going further in life than single men because, in the words of the cynic, a rabbit never does his best unless he is being chased.

Lieut. Green is all for matrimony but, girls, you should know he is already staked out and the sign in large letters reads: KAUP.

MEDICAL DETACH

A long list of re-enlistments—25, to be exact—from among detachment personnel and former patients was announced this week. The list includes Sergeant **Joe B. Mullen,** three years, to Far East Command and 30 days leave to Houston, Texas; Sergeant **Otis J. Bloom,** 3 years and 15 days leave to Caro, Michigan; Master Sergeant **George T. Washburn,** HTU, 3 years, and ten days leave to Graham, Texas; Master Sergeant **Perdue A. Wymore,** former captain from DOP, for assignment to Maryland Military District, Baltimore.

Master Sergeant **Paul R. Hanusiak,** detachment supply sergeant, for an indefinite term of enlistment; Sergeant First Class **Jack K. Cook,** three years, with leave deferred; Sergeant **Murl D. Ring,** indefinite period and 30 days leave to Jonesboro, Arkansas; Corporal **Johnie A. Foster,** three years, and 30 days leave to Louisiana; Master Sergeant **Edward C. Brant,** for three years and 30 days leave to Tampa, Florida.

Corporal **General L. Jeffers,** three years, and 30 days leave to Baltimore; Sergeant **F. M. Hopper,** three years, and 15 days, to Clinton, Tennessee; Private First Class **William A. Montgomery,** for three years, and 30 days leave to Ormond, Florida; Private First Class **Arthur L. Brunt,** for six years, and 15 days leave to Atlantic Beach, Florida; Sergeant First Class **James W. Lonigro,** HTU, three years for Far East, and 30 days, to Placerville, California; Sergeant **Donald D. Shah,** HTU, for three years, and 30 days leave, to Robb Creek, Ohio.

Corporal **Willie Morrison,** three years, and leave deferred; Corporal **Carl E. Morris,** three years, and leave deferred; Corporal **Joseph B. Daley,** three years, and 10 days leave to Batavia, New York; Sergeant **Floyd Davidson,** HTU, for indefinite period, leave deferred; Sergeant **Carl Kerst,** three years, and 15 days leave to Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Sergeant **William A. Sutton,** indefinite period, and 10 days to Sulphur, Oklahoma; Sergeant **Worth J. Smith,** indefinite period, and 15 days leave to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Slate All-Army Tennis Matches in San Francisco

More than 40 Army tennis players will compete for the All-Army Tennis championship honors in San Francisco from July 18 through 22, it was announced at the Presidio of San Francisco by Sixth Army Headquarters which will be host to the players representing Army installations from throughout the United States and overseas.

Outstanding players will attend from First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Armies of the United States, the Military District of Washington, D. C., the Untied States Army, Pacific, and the Far Eastern Command.

Plans for the tournament call for 24 participants in the singles contests and 16 teams will battle for top doubles honors. Matches will be played at the San Francisco Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts, located in the eastern section of the park, and will be open to the public.

Opening matches are slated for 2 p. m. on Monday, July 18, and play will continue at 10 a. m., and 2 p. m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The final championship matches are slated for Friday, July 22, with the singles contest slated to begin at 1:30 p. m. and the doubles at 3 p. m.

BORROWED RIDE

Worland, Wyo. (AFPS)—Thieves skidded the car they had just stolen from a local garage into a ditch. So they went back to the same garage and stole a wrecker to get it out. Police later found both the car and the wrecker stuck in the mud.

With proper wind conditions, the old sailing ships could outdistance many modern steamers.

When tennis was first played in France, barehands were used instead of racquets.

Occupation to Continue

Washington (AFPS) — The American occupation of Japan is expected to continue "for a long time."

Tracy S. Voorhees, Assistant Secretary of the Army, made this statement during a recent appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Voorhees appeared before the Senate group to ask $1 billion for government and relief in the occupied areas of Germany, Japan, Austria and the Ryukyu Islands.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The "drawing account" pay system which became effective July 1 will save the Services money because the new pay cards can be fed through bookkeeping machines, eliminating clerical work and typing heretofore necessary. At the same time it will enable all military personnel to be paid more promptly and accurately no matter where they are stationed throughout the world.

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Policyholders who converted their wartime insurance will get the biggest cut of the insurance rebate pie when it is distributed next year because they have paid in more premium dollars than those who kept their policies on the term insurance plan as originally issued. Refunds will range from about 50 cents to $500.

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Veteran amputees are authorized a year's extension, until June 30, 1950, in which to secure specially - equipped automobiles. Under consideration by Congress is a provision which would make the Government-paid cars available to blinded and armless vets. The present measure make them available to leg amputees only.

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President Truman okayed shiny new sets of permanent railroad tracks for 2,071 AF officers who on July 1 completed seven years of promotion list service. A selection board is currently reviewing an eligibility list of another 8,000 AF officers for promotion to the temporary grade of major. In addition, the AF will convene several boards this fall to make selections for permanent promotions to the grade of major and above.

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The Marine Corps has put the stamp of approval on a new policy to change the "temporary" warrants of master sergeants to permanent status, as another step in the Corps' career guidance program. Exceptions to this change are Marine Corps Reserve personnel who were "organizationally" promoted to fill specific Reserve billets.

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All ranks, instead of first three graders and officers only, would be authorized up to three months pay advances in an amendment to a bill now before Congress. Under the proposed legislation all grades could be paid in advance on a permanent change of station or in cases where personnel might be stationed in remote posts where regular paydays might be impossible.

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Message center personnel will be pleased with the announcement that a wartime warrant officer has invented a device to automatically time messages leaving the Communication Center at the Pentagon. Automatic timing of military messages is important because it permits analysis and correction of transmission delays.

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The Army has reopened its two-year enlistment option to personnel with previous AUS service in a new move to get more men already trained. Former Regulars must continue to sign for a minimum of three years.

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Despite the pressure of issuing 220 press releases a month, answering from 16,000 to 20,000 telephone and 2,500 written queries, the comparatively small staff (38) of the NME's press branch, serving all the Armed Forces, recently found time to figure out that its 15 civilian and 23 military personnel work an estimated 1,604 man-days every month on an 0800 to 1700 daily work schedule. A skeleton crew works 'til 11 pm every night and other staffers are on call 'round the clock.

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Aviation cadet training takes a long step forward Nov. 1 when an USAF A/C navigators school will start with a 100-man class, and hold monthly classes of approximately the same number thereafter. The cadet course is in addition to the officer navigation training previously announced. Both schools are at Ellington AFB, Texas. Applicants must be citizens, between 20 and 26½, pass a special, physical, and have two years of college or the ability to pass an equivalent exam.

Tilton General Hospital Now Ft. Dix Sta. Hospital

Fort Dix, N. J. (AFPS)—Tilton Army General Hospital, activated in 1941, with a wartime normal capacity of 3,000 patients, has been reduced in size and redesignated the Fort Dix Station Hospital.

We'll Fix Him—Good

Harrogate, England (AFPS)—"When we get the chief of police on the operating table maybe we can convince him that some form of recognition is necessary to get doctors' cars through traffic," said a spokesman for the British Medical Assn. recently.

A just-born baby blue whale weighs 14,000 pounds.

General Eisenhower's New York State license number is merely DDE.

Answering the Veterans Queries

National Service Life Insurance has been especially designed to give veterans of World War II maximum peacetime security and protection, especially when the veteran becomes permanently disabled for an extended length of time.

Two of the most important features of G. I. insurance, administered by the Veterans Administration, are provisions for waiver of premiums on account of total disability and on income paid the veteran while totally disabled.

Waiver of premiums on account of total disability is automatically provided in all types of NSLI, including low-rate term insurance, ordinary life, 20 and 30-payment life, 20-year endowment and endowments at age 60 and 65.

Total disability is defined as any impairment of mind or body which continuously renders it impossible for the veteran to follow any substantially gainful occupation.

Waiver of premiums may be granted upon written application by the veteran after he has been totally disabled for six consecutive months, provided he became totally disabled after the date of his application for insurance, while his insurance was in force under premium paying conditions and prior to his 60th birthday.

The veteran who becomes totally disabled and makes application for waiver of premiums should continue to pay premiums regularly until he receives notice from VA of entitlement to waiver. All premiums the veteran has paid from the date the waiver is made effective will be refunded without interest.

In order to provide an income should he become totally disabled, a veteran, for a small additional premium, may insert a total disability income provision into any type G. I. insurance policy he is carrying.

The disability income feature provides payment of $5 a month for each $1000 of insurance in force for veterans who are totally disabled for more than six consecutive months, commencing prior to the veteran's 60th birthday.

Boston's new trackless trolleys are too quiet, the City Council has decided. To make them noiser, the council ordered buzzers installed.

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Boxing Card Local Highlight of 174th M. D. Birthday

To commemorate the birthday of the United States Army Medical Department, the first All-Service Boxing Card ever to be presented in the Presidio will take place at the Letterman General Hospital Sports Center at 2000 hours (8:00 p. m.) on Wednesday evening, 27 July 1949.

The card will consist of boxers from Letterman General Hospital; Presidio of San Francisco; San Francisco Naval Shipyards; Naval Training Center, Treasure Island; Mare Island Naval Shipyards, Vallejo; Alameda Naval Air Station; Camp Stoneman; Fairfield - Suisun Air Force Base and Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

Officials for the evening will be furnished by the Amateur Athletic Union. (AAU). The Referee will be Billy Burke, renowned refree for the San Francisco-Bay Area. The Judges at the ringside will be Russ Bradford, Paul Gogal and Ed Agnew. All of them well-known throughout boxing circles in the San Francisco-Bay Area. The Coach for Fairfield-Suisun will be Buster Miles, an ex-professional with nine years of professional boxing accredited him. The boys from the Air Force always put on a good show. The Coach for the Letterman fighters will be Pat Nappi, who was the trainer for the Sixth Army boxing team last year. Nappi has four very able competitors working out daily. Chief Petty Officer Ohms is Coach and Trainer for the San Francisco Naval Shipyard. The Chief tells us that he has a fine group of boys who have just returned from sea duty and that they will have "shore legs" in time for the exhibitions. Chief Vitero handles the boxers for the Navy at Treasure Island. During the latest competition the Navy competitors cleared the Ring by taking eight out of ten bouts.

The Navy has a good group of colorful and experienced boxers and promises us stiff competition. Mare Island and the "Hell-Cats" from the Alameda Naval Air Station will participate with their best fighters, who are ready and willing to take on all comers.

Letterman General Hospital will have two Bantamweights, a Lightweight, and one Heavyweight. Private Manuel Landros, one of the Bantamweights, is medical attendant on Ward C-2 at the Hospital. He is cagey and a good puncher. He has never been defeated in his interservice competition. Landros has won all of his bouts by knockout decisions. Private Celestino Gomez, on duty on Ward D-2, is another up and coming competitior. He has a

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"INSPECTORS ARE WELCOME"
Says General Cole in greeting (L to R) Colonel Reinold Melberg, Lt. Col. Jefferson D. Petty and Major Archie Traynor—all from the Office of the Inspector General, 6th Army, here for the annual inspection of the command.

Thirty-Seven Sign For Membership in New Glee Club

A newly organized Letterman Glee Club will begin practice 9 August under the direction of Sergeant First Class Guy Shortz, Troop Information and Education music instructor.

Thirty-seven members already have been registered, and 13 more are needed before the practice session to give the glee club a strength of 50 voices.

Membership is open to enlisted personnel, officers and their families and civilians employed at Letterman.

Plans are being made for a vocal concert.

Members listed include First Lieutenant Kathleen M. Dean, First Lieutenant Peggy Knox, Kay Ross, Gladys King, Janet Tait, Private Patricia Leedham, First Lieutenant Minerva King, Private Lilly Roberts, First Lieutenant Ruby Walker, Private Mary Morris, Private First Class Mary R. Gray, Private First Class Mary Anne Dunphy, J. Kaliker, Lorraine Shelton, First Lieutenant Bernice Boudreau, Private Harriet Klein, Private Homer L. Large.

Private First Class Elizabeth A. Darrock, Irene Torok, Private Joyce E. Echelberry, Master Sergeant Otto Stewart, Private First Class Eddie Granlung, Private First Class Paul Frick, Private Harry Tuttle, Sergeant Robert Forbes, Private First Class Lewis Parmett, Private First Class William F. Conway, Private First Class Harold J. Showman, Sergeant Charles E. Mukley, Private First Class John W. Blatchford, Corporal James C. Souder, George M. Flower, Corporal David R. Scott, Private First Class Robert McCracken, Corporal Jess Hillman, Sergeant George K. Provoo, and Sergeant G. R. Bart.

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EDITORIAL

174 YEARS OLD

On Wednesday of this week the Medical Department of the Army will commemorate 174 years of service to the men and women who make up the United States Army.

Officially it will be just another day devoted to the care of the sick and injured but it will not pass without notice by those who are dedicated to that task.

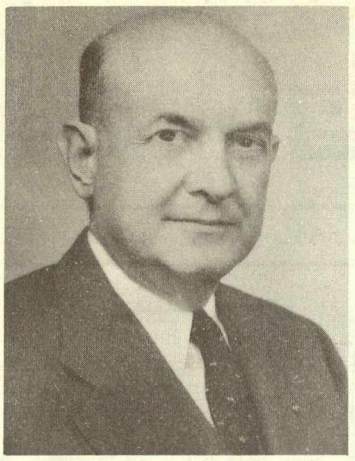
The men and women of the Medical Department will look back through the years and note that the tradition of service established at the inception of the Department is being carried on in a manner reflecting credit on all who are privileged to wear its insignia.

Those charged with the responsibility of fulfilling the mission of the Medical Department are living up to that obligation and are proud in the knowledge that the care afforded our patients is second to none.

Army medicine has made great strides in its long life and is pledged to continued progress.

Still young at 174.

Birthday Greetings



Hon. LOUIS JOHNSON
Secretary of Defense

"I send my greetings to the Army Medical Department on the occasion of its 174th anniversary.

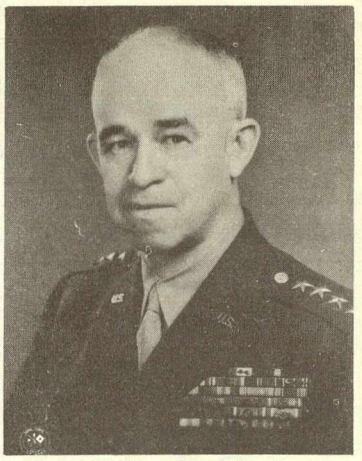
"One of the oldest agencies of the Defense Establishment, the Army Medical Department has, from the Revolution through World War II, ably discharged its obligation to serve our sick and wounded.

"In time of peace, the Army Medical Department has applied itself consistently to the development and use of new preventive measures, new drugs, new surgical procedures. The techniques and medicines thus developed have been of benefit not only to the men and women of the Army, but to the country as a whole and to the people of far-away lands. The Army Medical Department can be proud of its record.

"The Army Medical Department's long years of experience are proving invaluable to the Army of today. They provide a solid and promising foundation for military medicine of tomorrow."

Tentative approval has been given by the Senate Armed Services Committee to a bill to permit 10,000 aliens to enlist in the Army.

A train arrives in New York on the average of every 50 seconds day and night.



Gen. OMAR N. BRADLEY
Chief of Staff

"I am sure that all soldiers join me when I say that the Army owes a great deal of thanks to the doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and other members of the Medical Department for the finest medical care of any Army in the world. And when we mention the abundance of warm and sympathetic understanding that has accompanied this medical care, we are saluting a job well done by the Army Medical Department for the past 174 years.

"We realize that the dearth of medical personnel has multiplied the tasks of our 'medics,' and it is a tribute to their pride in duty that there has been no lowering of standards.

"To the men and women who have served us so faithfully and well, we send our sincere best wishes and acknowledged gratitude on this occasion."

Army and Air Force regulations have been incorporated into two new joint directives governing the physical evaluation, hospitalization and disposition, including retiring boards, for all Army and AF male and female warrant and commissioned officers.

Plants are stronger than animals. Mushrooms, for example, can lift an entire concrete floor.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 24, July 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Gen. Bethea Home

Major General James A. Bethea, for the past three years Chief Surgeon for the Far East Command, returned to the mainland this week and for the past three days he and Mrs. Bethea have been the house guests of Brigadier General and Mrs. Frank L. Cole.

General Bethea is an old Lettermanite and was Chief of the General Surgery Section from 1928 to 1932. He organized and commanded McClosky General Hospital during the early days of the late war, and was in command of Brooke General Hospital prior to being assigned to Tokyo.

The general is en route to Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio for a final physical check up before passing to the retired list at the end of October.

CREDIT

The spread on pages 4 and 5 of this issue was copied from the "Life of the Soldier and the Airman" published by the Recruiting Publicity Bureau, U. S. Army.

A family of rodents was responsible for "mousing up" an electric toaster owned by a naval officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois.

The Antarctic is isolated by 600 miles of open water—540 more miles than any other continent.

The oldest university in the world —Al-Azhar U. in Cairo—was established in 970 A. D.

Residents of New York State may be fined if poison ivy is found growing on their property.

U. S. submarines shot 14,000 torpedoes during World War II.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JOYCE E. ECHELBERRY
Private

Among the recent additions to the WAC detachment at Letterman is Private Joyce Ellen Echelberry, a Midwesterner who thinks the West Coast is fine, much better than the East Coast.

Pvt. Echelberry, now assigned to the training branch as a clerk-typist, made her first trip West when she reported to duty here 12 July from Camp Lee, Virginia. The weather here is a bit cool, she says, but it's mighty comfortable compared with the heat in the East.

The young WAC, who says she enlisted because she "wanted to see what it was like," is a native of Westerville,Ohio, near Columbus. She enlisted 14 January for two years, and went to Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training.

After basic, she transferred to clerk-typist school at Camp Lee, and then to Letterman.

Pvt. Echelberry attended business school at Franklin University after graduation from Westerville High School, and worked in the office of the YMCA in Columbus before she enlisted.

Plans for the future is usually a topic for comment, but Pvt. Echelberry had a ready, definite and conclusive answer. She plans, she says, to be married as soon as her fiancee—a soldier now stationed on Okinawa—returns to the states.

She likes music, especially popular music, and dancing. She plays the piano, she says, for her "own pleasure."

She studied piano for three years and played the clarinet with the Westerville High School band, of which she was a member for four years.

When 31 July rolls around, Pvt. Echelberry will add another year to her age. She will be all of 19.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Jack Lewyn

Behind the microphones of KLGH this week went numerous patients recruited for a Talent Club and participation in a special Bedside Network broadcast feature. The program is recorded for broadcast each Tuesday on channel one.

Participating in the recent programs were Recruit **Bill Grimes,** ward 27, a singer; Private **Eugene Tipton,** ward 30, who plays the guitar, and Private First Class **Richard Bell,** ward K-2, steel guitarist; Recruit **Ray Britt,** ward 31, a singer; **Walter McDonald,** veteran, ward 40, guitarist; Recruit **Rusty Stevens,** ward M-1, guitarist and singer, and **Bill Schurn,** ward 31, veteran, and Private **Freddy Sims,** ward B-2, singers.

The master of ceremonies was First Lieutenant **Frank Licord,** ward D-2. Master Sergeant **Glenn Ellicott** of Special Services was accompanist.

Beginning in August, the club will stage a program at the recreation hall on the second Monday of each month, and plans for other shows are being considered. The club is sponsored by the Red Cross.

Private First Class **Dean Heckert,** ward C-2, is studying guitar playing with Sergeant First Class Guy Shortz, Troop Information and Education instructor. He is exercising an injured hand and wrist by playing the guitar and mandolin.

Amelio Icco, a veteran who has been a patient at Letterman previously, returned to ward 42 recently.

Now wearing a shoe on his right foot for the first time in four years is Sergeant First Class **Harvey A. (Guy) Chelf,** ward 31, who is well-known for his ability as an archer hereabouts. Sgt. Chelf has had the leg in 108 casts.

Off Limits: The Car Stop Branch Post Exchange and the Car Stop restaurant are Off Limits for patients in hospital clothing. The only places outside of the immediate Letterman Hospital area open to patients are the Army YMCA, the PX Clothing store and the QM clothing store.

Private First Class **Michael Tresluk,** ward M-2, has been stopping by the I. & E. office to work on General Educational Development tests with a goal for an equivalancy certificate.

An avid reader is Captain **William R. Moody,** now a patient on ward L-1, and he has expanded his interest to develop a practical hobby. He takes articles in which he is particularly interested and arranges them into a folder. Each subject is then classified to give him a handy guide, a sort of continuing reference book.

First Lieutenant **Seymour Obert,** ward B-1, is planning to study Spanish in addition to his OT work. With school work and the help of his wife, he's apt to become quite a linguist.

When mathematics problems stump Staff Sergeant **Charles E. Welch,** ward B-2, he seeks, and usually finds, someone to help him. But occasionally, the problems also stump his advisers momentarily.

Speaking of math, First Lieutenant **Joseph Cassidy,** ward D-2, "passed with distinction" an end-of-course test in algebra, and an equal amount of credit for the "victory" goes to Lieut. Cassidy's study and the help of his instructor, Miss **Jean McKew,** formerly of the Veterans Administration here.

First Lieutenant **Elwood Nelson,** ward D-2, tells the story of how three duty men in another hospital developed a wagering method which even the casinos in Reno and Las Vegas never heard of. The men were putting a cast on Lieut. Nelson, and a section of it had to be removed—for one reason or another — and therein is the story of the wager. The duty men bet between them on who would come closest in marking the cast at a specified spot atop his midriff for cutting.

Captain **William Miller,** ward D-2, has made a deal with Miss **Yvonne Perry,** San Francisco Junior Leaguer acting as art instructor for the Troop I. & E. Branch. Miss Perry instructs Capt. Miller in art, and he, in turn, teaches her how to play chess.

Horizontal Hibernation Expert Claims New Title

Zanesville, O. (AFPS) — Horizontal hibernation six feet deep is his meat—

In other words, Ray Emmert likes his new title as the world's "buried alive" champion.

Emmert came up recently from nearly 45 days buried in a casket. He said he would defend his title if anyone topped his mark.

ON THE SPOT



CHARLES R. WIESLER
Private First Class

An eventual Army assignment to Japan might be a new experience for Private First Class Charles R. (Chuck) Wiesler, but living there would be nothing new to him.

Pfc. Wiesler, interview and payroll clerk in the separation office, lived in Japan from August, 1946, to December, 1946, while his father, Major John C. Wiesler, Signal Corps, was stationed there.

Wiesler enlisted in the Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in February, 1948, and took basic training at Fort Ord, California. After basic, he journeyed across the country to attend clerk-typist school at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Back across the nation he came for an assignment to Letterman in September, 1948. Upon arrival, he was assigned to his present job.

While in Japan, he attended Yokohama American High School and St. Joseph's College. He played non-scholastic football overseas and also played basketball for the college.

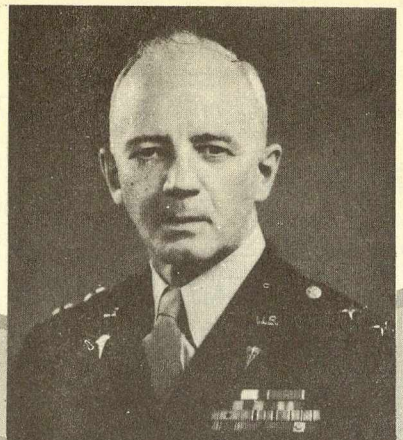
Football opponents were GI teams, but the cage squads were Japanese, who proved to be "awfully fast" opponents in a game where speed is essential.

Wiesler's father, Major Wiesler, who has been in the Army for 25 years, is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Fourth Army headquarters.

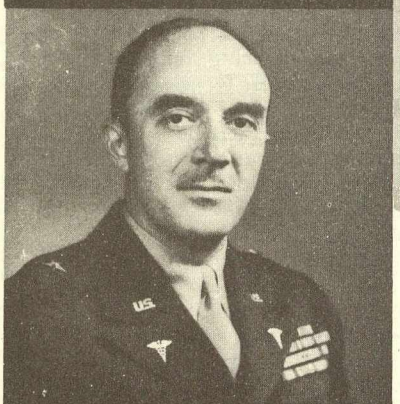
The younger Wiesler, born in an Army hospital, notes that he has never resided in any one state for more than four years. Besides California—and overseas—he has lived in six states.

His long-range plans for the future include a career in electrical engineering, but, at present, his efforts in engineering are confined to keeping his automobile in running condition.

GUARDIANS



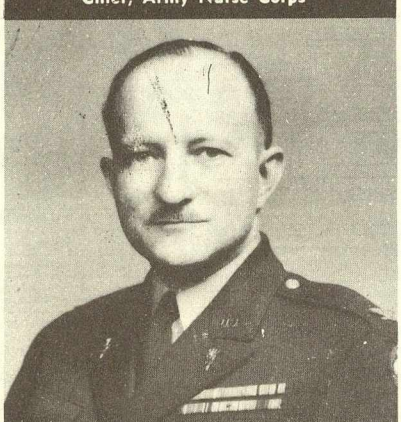
Maj. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General



Brig. Gen. GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
Deputy Surgeon General



Col. MARY G. PHILLIPS
Chief, Army Nurse Corps



Col. OTHMAR F. GORIUP
Chief, Medical Service Corps

The Medical Corps

In peace and in war, the Medical Corps of the Army has three goals:

(1) To maintain and improve the health of the men and women of the Army by means of preventive medicine, by modern nutrition and sanitation, and by medical research and development.

(2) To provide the highest caliber of medical and surgical care for those who become ill or injured.

(3) To formulate plans for a possible national emergency or disaster.

The Medical Corps, since 1775, has constantly striven on the front line of medicine for not only a healthy Army but a healthy people. Army physicians have long been preeminent and have made invaluable contributions to the world. The building of the Panama Canal was made possible through the work of Maj. Walter Reed and Maj. William C. Gorgas, who discovered the cause of yellow fever and wiped it out. The Army first purified drinking water by use of chlorine, a medical discovery that has been adapted throughout the world and has saved thousands of lives, civilian as well as military.

The high degree of surgical skill in the Medical Corps is best pointed out by the fact that, during the war, 97 percent of all soldiers wounded in battle survived.

Present-day medicine, as practiced by the Army Medical Corps, is of the highest standard, for it has not only taken advantage of the many advances made in medicine, but has been largely responsible for the extensive development of many of the discoveries, especially in the use of penicillin, the sulfa drugs, and blood plasma.

The Nurse Corps

The Army Nurse Corps, composed entirely of graduate, registered nurses, provides nursing care for persons entitled to hospitalization in Army and Air Force hospitals. Although women worked as nurses through every war in the early history of our Nation, the Nurse Corps was not officially established as an integral part of the Medical Department until 1901.

Nurses numbered fewer than 200 during the peace years from 1901 until World War I, when more than 21,000 joined for service to meet the war need.

In 1920, with the reorganization of the Army by Congress, nurses were given "relative rank" with many of the rights and privileges of officers. The Corps, however, was again reduced to peacetime strength until 1940, when it began to expand with the Medical Department to meet the health needs of the expanding Army in the emergency. More than 60,000 nurses served with the Nurse Corps in World War II.

In 1947, 46 years after its military debut, the Nurse Corps, although granted temporary commissions in 1944, was accorded permanent commissioned status and the Army Nurse Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps was established.

Some 5000 Regular and Reserve nurses are serving in Army and Air Force hospitals around the world today.

The Medical Service Corps

The newly organized Medical Service Corps is a sphere of activity vital to the maintenance of a healthy Army. Its four sections — Optometry; Sanitary Engineering; Medical Allied Sciences; and Pharmacy, Administration and Supply — are composed of trained specialists in 18 fields other than medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and nursing. The creation of the Medical Service Corps by Congress in 1947 was a natural evolvement of the experiences gained by the Medical Department during World War II, when it became apparent that the existing corps of the Medical Department required the assistance of many individuals possessing skills allied to medicine and in the general field of administration and supply.

No matter where the soldier or airman may be located — Europe, the Tropics, the Far East, the Arctic — he will encounter the insigne of the Medical Service Corps. Whether the specialist is a sanitary engineer, nutritionist, pharmacist, bacteriologist, administrator, psychologist, biochemist, social worker, entomologist, or optometrist, he will be doing his part in contributing to the health of the Army and the advancement of Army medicine.

OF ARMY HEALTH

The Dental Corps

Wherever he may be stationed, the soldier or airman will find a dental clinic in operation nearby. In permanent installations this clinic will have the most modern equipment, with every convenience needed to help the dentist complete his work quickly and well. In the field, the dentist packs his outfit in a chest or truck and takes it to the most advanced airfield or to within easy reach of troops in the combat units. In action, officers and men of the dental service go ashore with the early assault waves or they jump with the paratroops. Every dental officer must meet the same high standards he would have to meet if he wished to practice in a civilian community, and highly skilled specialists are available to treat unusual or difficult cases.

In World War II more than 15,000 dentists left their offices to give soldiers and airmen the best dental care ever provided a fighting force. The Dental Corps is smaller now, but it is no less determined that the men and women who are responsible for the safety of the Nation shall be kept in top dental condition.



Maj. Gen. THOMAS L. SMITH
Chief, Dental Corps

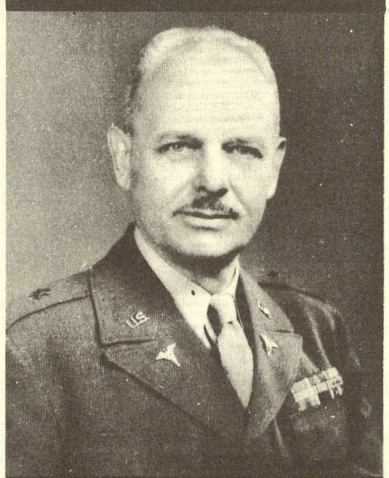
The Veterinary Corps

The Veterinary Corps of the Army Medical Department is a corps of professionally trained graduate veterinarians and enlisted technicians, organized and specialized to perform certain highly technical tasks for the Armed Forces.

Most important of these tasks is that of safeguarding the health of troops from food-borne disease. The veterinary service conducts inspections of all foods of animal origin procured by the Army, Air Force, and Navy to insure, first, that no diseased, unsanitary, or unsound foods are procured for or issued to troops and, second, that all foods delivered are of the quality and quantity specified. As proof of the thoroughness with which these inspections and tests are carried out is the fact that no serious or widespread outbreaks of disease traceable to unwholesome meat or dairy products have occurred among the Armed Forces during or since World War II.

Eight laboratories conduct necessary examinations of meat, dairy, poultry, and sea-food products to assure the supply of safe, wholesome, and high quality foods to the Armed Forces. These laboratories also prepare biologics used for the prevention and control of many diseases of animals; some of these are useful in related human disease.

Officers and enlisted personnel of the Veterinary Corps, because of their specialized training, are an important part of the Medical Department. The contributions to national and world health, as well as to the soldier, have been many. Pioneers in inspection of foods and food sources, members of the Veterinary Corps have raised the standards of health to the highest levels known.



Brig. Gen. JAMES A. McCALLAM
Chief, Veterinary Corps

The Women's Medical Specialist Corps

In Army and Air Force hospitals in this country and overseas, the women of the Women's Medical Specialist Corps — commissioned officers, highly trained in their specialties — are doing their part to restore men and women in the Armed Forces to health. Dietitians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists, the three groups that compose the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, were first employed by the Army Medical Department during World War I. Dietitians and physical therapists, early in World War II, were authorized military status with relative rank and later full military status in the Army of the United States.

The Women's Medical Specialist Corps is an important member of the six-corps team which makes up the Medical Department. Dietitians assigned to Army and Air Force hospitals in their capacity as food service supervisors are responsible for insuring that patients and personnel have nutritious meals attractively served.

Physical therapists, through the medium of such physical agents as heat, light, electricity, water, massage, and exercise, assist the patients in regaining normal muscle, nerve, and joint function following disease or injury. Occupational therapists, through workshop activities and the arts and crafts, provide functional and constructive activity for the purpose of assisting in the recovery of individual patients.

Women's Medical Specialist Corps officers work under the direct supervision of and in close liaison with medical officers and in association with members of the Army Nurse Corps.



Col. EMMA E. VOGEL
Chief, Women's Medical Specialist Corps

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Rebecca Garcia

Reports from Washington have it that surveys are being conducted with a view of reducing the number of civilian employees working for the armed forces. There are no drastic steps involved and the reduction would be brought about by attrition. Proponents maintain a billion dollar saving would be achieved.

Tony Sterr, master mechanic at the PX Garage, has bought a punching bag for **George,** his five months old son, and—if you can believe Dad—the baby is learning to swing haymakers at the new toy.

James Quinn of the Post Office suffered a slight eye injury incurred in an auto accident recently which necessitated the wearing of dark glasses for a few days.

Hilda Mansfield, former Lettermanite, dropped in for a chat with friends this week.

May Fewer is on duty again in the Letterman Post Exchange after working in the East Hospital PX branch for two years. She recently returned from an eight weeks motor tour of the United States and Canada.

Alice Torgerson of Finance gave a birthday party for **Harriet Baken** of Physical Medicine this week. Among those present was **Helen Hoffman,** formerly of Convalescent Services, who showed pictures of her son, **Carl Frederick.** When asked how much he weighed Helen replied ruefully, "Just under a ton."

Jeanne Kaliher of Dietetics Branch visited in Seattle with friends for a few days.

Alta Lee of the Prenatal Clinic returned from a Sunday fishing trip near Mare Island with a windburn but no fish.

Mrs. **Mary Barrie** of the Laundry says she will miss her two grandchildren very much now that they have departed with their mother to Houston, Texas, and their new home.

Air-Conditioned 'Sack'

Grand Rapids, Mich. (AFPS)—An air-conditioned bed for your comfort . . . ?

A bed on display here features a foam rubber mattress with holes at intervals and an air-conditioning unit underneath.

Low slung and set on coasters, the new bed can be just as comfortable in summer and in winter. The conditioner can produce either warm or cool air.

THE RED CROSS SOCIAL WORKER DEALS IN DIFFICULTY DAILY



Mrs. KATHLEEN M. HALLIGAN
Social Worker, American Red Cross

It is indeed a fact that the complications of daily life create a full and demanding schedule of work for anyone interested in the problems of his fellow man. And so it is with Mrs. Kathleen M. Halligan, a social worker for the American Red Cross at Letterman.

Personal problems, financial troubles and the various and sundry difficulties encountered by duty personnel, civilians and outpatients flow to the desk of Mrs. Halligan at Red Cross headquarters here. They command her attention and her work to find solutions.

Mrs. Halligan, a social worker since 1934, was interviewed as she was about to begin canvassing patients aboard the hospital ship Hope to find and help solve any troubles existing among them.

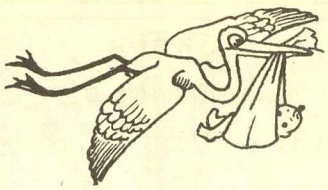
The personable worker has a genuine interest in people and she is enthusiastic about her work.

A native San Franciscan, Mrs. Halligan attended San Francisco schools and was graduated from Manhattanville Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York City. She took graduate work at the University of California, and also studied social work at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

She was assigned to the Red Cross here after working at Fort Ord and Treasure Island.

Before she joined the Red Cross in May, 1942, Mrs. Halligan was on the staff of UC, supervising students of its social welfare department in field work. She also had been attached to the intake division of the San Francisco Public Welfare department, and to a similar bureau with the California State Relief Administration.

Although many problems reach Mrs. Halligan, some are merely routine, others quite complicated, like a telegram from a father saying his son, "John Joe Smith," was arriving here and that he wanted to contact him. The telegram gave no other information, but "John Joe Smith" was located and advised—in four hours after the wire reached Mrs. Halligan.



10 July

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald J. Clark, a girl, **Mary Kathleen.**

To Rct. and Mrs. Albert Lopez, a girl, **Eleanor.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. George H. Lehmer, Sr., a boy, **George Harvey.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Guy H. Jones, a girl, **Loraine Marie.**

11 July

To Capt. and Mrs. Thomas MacMillan, a girl, **Katherine Lucille.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Manley Bean, a girl, **Susan Patricia.**

To Lt. and Mrs. James Cooper, a boy, **Richard Alan.**

12 July

To Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick Ponting, a boy, **Michael Arthur.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Piere Nys, a girl, **Mary Theresa.**

To CPO and Mrs. Anthony Vesta, a girl, **Eleanor Frances.**

13 July

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Tomkinson, a boy, **Charles Anthony.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Vernard Ulrich, a girl, **Rita Ray.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Maurice Schmidt, a boy, **Philip Alan.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert Querry, a girl, **Kathryn Louise.**

To Lt. and Mrs. David Purrington, a girl, **Candace Amy.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Edmund Lopez, a boy, **Arnold Walter.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Benjamin Ostlund, a boy, **Danny Lee.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. George Newell, a boy, **George William.**

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert Jones, a boy, **Bruce Richardson.**

14 July

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Paterson, a boy, **Lee Edward.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Heath, a boy, **William Garrow.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Owen Foster, a boy, **James Ellsworth.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Achziger, a girl, **Susan Norma.**

To Lt. and Mrs. Philip Belmont, a boy, **Philip Francis.**

15 July

To Cpl. and Mrs. Jack Shannon, a girl, **Mallory Kay.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Clyde McGinty, a boy, **Ross Calvert.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Hicks, a boy, **William Glenn.**

To CWO and Mrs. Clarence Sowers, a girl, **Judith Margaret.**



Captain Eugenia L. Halzknect, ANC, and Jerry Page, a former Army captain, were married last Saturday in the Presidio post chapel. The couple will reside in San Francisco.

A reception in the living room of the nurses' quarters followed the wedding.

First Lieutenant Alta P. Rogers, ANC, will leave Letterman I August for Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where she will be assigned to the First Army Station Hospital.

Starting 14-day leaves Sunday will be Captain Winifred Hughes, ANC, and First Lieutenant Beryl C. Skelton, ANC. They will visit at Lake Tahoe. Capt. Hughes and Lieut. Skelton recently purchased a home in Marina.

First Lieutenant Ellen J. Donovan, ANC, will begin a 30-day leave 1 August.

A week end trip to Beverly Hills, California, was taken by Captain Margaret M. Vargo, ANC.

Captain Velma Richardson, WM SC, chief dietician, is on a 15-day leave. She will be at home in San Francisco. Capt. Richardson's sister is visiting her.

Second Lieutenant Muriel Powell, WMSC-Reserve, a dietician, is on two weeks of active duty here. Her home is in Oakland.

First Lieutenant Betty Hearne, WMSC, of PT, will visit in Delaware during a 15-day leave.

Glad to be back where the weather is a little cooler is First Lieutenant Ruth Wallace, WMSC, of PT, who recently ended a leave. She visited her parents in Utah.

Captain Mary A. Kinter, ANC, took a pass to visit Yosemite National Park.

Yawn Reasoning

New York (AFPS)—Why do we yawn?

General Electric scientists say that yawning is a "reflex action made up of many components."

According to one theory, say the scientists, slight deficiencies of oxygen in the blood stream and in the brain is responsible for starting the yawn.

While yawning may be associated with sleepiness, it does not necessarily indicate a need for sleep, they added.

FORMER MEDICAL ADVISER FOR U. S. MISSION TO CHINA ASSIGNED HERE



Lt. Colonel JOSEPH T. CAPLES, MC
Old Lettermanite and new Resident

When Lieutenant Colonel Joseph T. Caples, MC, reported to Letterman for a year's duty as assistant resident in dermatology, he wrote finis to two-and-a-half years of duty in China and Korea, and began a second assignment to this hospital.

Col. Caples, who was stationed at Letterman from February to October, 1940, was staff surgeon for the United States Armed Forces command in Korea before returning to the states and reporting here 1 July.

For more than two years, he was assigned to a tour of duty as advisor to the Commandant, National Defense Medical Center, Chinese armed forces, as a member of the United States Military Mission to China.

Col. Caples, whose 11-year Army career includes various training assignments, was adviser to the Chinese center on such matters as curriculum, organization of schools, training aids, and planning. He was stationed at Shanghai until last January when he shifted to Korea.

A residency at Bonne County Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, and private practice in Columbia, preceded his entry into the Army as a regular officer in May, 1938.

His other assignments have included duty at the station hospital, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; surgeon, aboard the USAT Meigs, as commander, Company D, 57th Medical Battalion, Fort Ord, and commander, 53rd Evacuation Hospital, San Luis Obispo.

He commanded a training battalion at Camp Berkeley, Texas, went to Command General Staff school, and shifted to the 66th Infantry Division as surgeon in February, 1943. He was with the 66th in England, France and Germany, until July, 1945, when he was transferred to command the 69th Station Hospital at Nice.

Col. Caples returned to the United States in November, 1945, and became director of training at Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Crowder, Missouri, until he was shifted in February, 1946, to Brooke Army Medical Center.

He has an interest in clinical photography, which he developed as a hobby and now uses in connection with his professional work.

MEDICAL DETACH

The prescribed uniform for wear at the recently opened Enlisted Service Club on the Presidio was listed this week in a Daily Bulletin.

During duty hours, the service uniform, class B or class B, will be worn, and during off-duty hours, the service uniform, class A, or civilian clothes, are prescribed. With civilian clothes, however, a coat and tie are mandatory.

The bulletin said no enlisted personnel will be permitted at the Service Club in fatigue clothes or other improper uniform.

Sergeant **Charles E. Mulkey,** who completed a year's tour of active duty with the Enlisted Reserve Corps, immediately enlisted this week for three years in the Regular Army. He will take a 30-day leave to Arkansas before reporting back to duty.

Seven other enlistments or reenlistments also were reported this week.

Sgt. **Arthur L. Clegg** re-upped from DOP for three years for assignment to the 24th Infantry Division in the Far East Command. Sgt. Clegg will report to Fort 'Ord after a 30-day leave to Long Island, New York.

Corporal **John A. Grimsby** reenlisted for three years, and took 30 days to visit Bonanza, Colorado; Sergeant **James J. Peyton,** three years, and 30-day leave to Washington, D. C.; Corporal **John E. David,** three years, and leave deferred; Corporal **Alfred Josey,** three years, and 30-day leave to Denton, Georgia, before assignment to Fort Knox, Kentucky; Private First Class **William L. Collins,** three years, and 30-day leave to Sparta, Georgia, and Master Sergeant **Fay C. Casperson,** for indefinite period, and leave deferred.

Private First Class **Omar Schumacher** transfered to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, this week for shipment to Europe.

The next payday for the command will be 1 August at the recreation center.

Dallas (AFPS)—Outfielder Pete Gray, baseball's most celebrated one-armed player, has been released unconditionally by the Dallas Eagles. Gray who is 32 said he is through with professional ball and plans to return to his home in Nanticoke, Pa.

WAC

Sergeant First Class Eleanor Eaton, former author of the text in this department, left Letterman last week for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and shipment overseas, to Europe. The assignment will be her second to the ETO, and Ellie left with the best wishes of her friends, a barrage of goodbyes and even a farewell dedication.

The departure of Sgt. Eaton, however, brought into action two members of the detachment as newsgatherers pro tem, Private Lilly Roberts and Private Pat Leedham.

Sergeant Jane Jones has taken a 30-day leave, a pre-embarkation "vacation" before reporting to Camp Stoneman.

Among week-end trips were those made by Sergeant Evelyn Meadows, to Russian River; Sergeant Anne L. Benich, to Carmel, and Private Marjorie Hurst, to Santa Cruz.

Two recent additions to the detachment are Private Joyce Ellen Echelberry, whose biography is sketched briefly elsewhere in these columns, and Private Harriet Hollingsworth.

Corporal Henrietta (Hank) Zuzga is looking very happy over her catch for the day's fishing expedition, "five fish approximately three inches long." Good fishing.

Also bidding farewell to the detachment last week was Sergeant Nancy Banvard, who has retired to a comfortable little home at Mill Valley.

First Sergeant Opal Glenn and Segreant Margaret Drescher are figuring what they will do with the prize money they hope to win in a picture contest.

More About BOXING CARD

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very fine attack, but lacks experience. In his previous five bouts, he has won four; three by knockout decisions and one outpointed. He lost his only bout to Jesse Bridgemann, a fine boxer from Fairfield Suisun Air Force Base. In one of the better bouts of the evening, Bridgemann will be pitted against Landros from Letterman.

Private Ulysses Allen is Letterman's only Sixth Army champion remaining from last year's boxers. Allen is on duty on Ward S-1. Letterman's Heavyweight is Private Lucius Tate who is from the Presidio Post Operating Company, but fights for Letterman. Tate was runner-up for Sixth Army heavyweight title last year. A small fellow, Tate weighs in at 208 pounds.

LAFF-O-GRAM



Mat No. 360—2959 Sgt. 1/cl Don E. Zieg

"Awright! Who threw the bottle at the umpire?"

Stoneman Swimmers Take District Meet

Swimmers and divers from Camp Stoneman annexed victories in five of the eight events in the Southern District Sixth Army swimming meet at Letterman's pool 15 July.

Corporal Jack Condon of Letterman captured a first and a second, and Sergeant Edward Tucker placed second in one event. Private First Class Bill Ballard was tied for a third place.

The events, and winners, were:

300-Yard Medley Relay—Gainesford, Peterson and Pierson, Camp Stoneman. Time, four minutes, 48 seconds, first; Joyce, Kiley and Kaplan, Camp Stoneman, five minutes, 24 4/5 seconds, second.

220-Yard Freestyle — Nakashima, Presidio of Monterey, two minutes, 59 seconds, first; Kiley, Camp Stoneman, three minutes, 27 4/5 seconds.

50-Yard Freestyle—Condon, Letterman, 26 seconds, first; Peterson, Camp Stoneman, 30 2/5 seconds, second; Kaplan, Camp Stoneman, 31 seconds, and Ballard, Letterman, 31 seconds, tied for third.

Fancy Diving—Bobe, Camp Stoneman, 38 1/3 points, first; Tucker, Letterman, 26 points.

100-Yard Freestyle — Nakashima, Presidio of Monterey, one minute, 2 4/5 seconds, first; Condon, Letterman, one minute, 9 4/5 seconds, second.

150-Yard Backstroke, Gainesford, Camp Stoneman, one minute, 58 4/5 seconds (only competitor).

200-Yard Backstroke—Gainesford, three minutes flat, first; Coombs, Presidio of San Francisco, three minutes, 13 1/5 seconds, second.

440-Yard Freestyle — Gainesford, Camp Stoneman, six minutes, 27 3/5 seconds, first; Nakashima, Monterey, six minutes, 50 seconds, second.

The competition was a preliminary to the All-Sixth Army meet scheduled at the pool here 25 July, with winners from both the Southern and Northern divisions vieing for the various championships.

Judges were First Lieutenant Oliver M. Rajala, First Lieutenant Marshall Otsea, Second Lieutenant Parry Thomas and Master Sergeant Warren J. McBride.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans are not required to pay attorneys or agents for representing them in monetary claims against the Veterans Administration.

Fees for such services are payable only by the VA itself and are deducted from the monetary benefit due the veteran at the time the claim is allowed.

Fees are fixed by law at $10 for an original claim and $2 for a claim to obtain increase benefits.

Any agent or attorney who charges, or attempts to charge any veteran for such services is subject to penal provisions of the law in addition to loss of his accreditation.

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Unless veterans attending colleges and universities under the G-I Bill notify Veterans Administration within 30 days before the end of a term or semester that they do not want to take leave, VA autoamtically will place them on 15 days leave.

VA explained that veterans in colleges and universities are placed on subsistence rolls from the date of enrollment until 15 days after the close of the term or semester.

This automatic 15-day leave policy makes it possible for veterans studying under the accelerated program to receive unbroken subsistence payments between terms or semesters.

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Question: Can the beneficiary or family of a veteran make premium payments on his NSLI if the veteran doesn't care to do so?

Answer: Yes, but the insured veteran has the right to change his beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time without consulting with or receiving the approval of anyone. He may also surrender his permanent NSLI policy for cash after premiums have been paid in full for one year.

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Question: Can you tell me what peacetime veterans are entitled to funeral and burial expenses?

Answer: Funeral and burial expenses, up to $150, are payable by VA in the death of peacetime veterans who were receiving compensation at the time of death, or who were discharged or retired from service for disability incurred in line of duty.

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Sixth Army Takes Top Honors in Tennis Tourney

Sixth Army took all top honors in the finals of the All-Army tennis tournament completed last week at the Golden Gate Tennis courts.

First Lieutenant Frank Mehner of Lompoc, California, 1948 winner of the singles championship retained his title, and was a member of the doubles team that carried away the top honors.

Lieut. Mehner defeated his doubles partner, Master Sergeant Persinger of Seattle, Wash., the singles contest 6-2, 6-1 and 6-1. Mehner and Persinger paired to defeat Corporal Tom W. Belton of Dowagiac, Michigan, and Sergeant, first class, William B. Millikan, Seattle, Wash., of Far East Command by a score of 6-4, 6-4 and 6-4.

The winning of the two matches in the finals brought the Sixth Army's team point scores to 17, with Third Army second with 14, Far East Command third with 11 and Military District of Washington, 8. Other teams competing in the tournament which attracted 44 tennis players from throughout the United States and overseas were First Army, Fourth Army, Fifth Army, and U. S. Army, Pacific.

San Francisco members of the California Tennis Association who officiated at the finals matches of the tournament were Hubert Quinn and Milton Springer.

Major General Walter M. Robertson, Deputy Commanding General of the Sixth Army, officiated at the presentation of awards ceremony following the final matches. The Sheridan Cup for the All-Army singles championship was awarded to Lieut. Mehner, the Johnston Cup, a new award, was also awarded to Mehner and his partner, Persinger, and the team championship award went to the Sixth Army team.



Colonel LEONARD N. SWANSON, MC
Longtime Outpatient Chief leaving for the Far East.

Colonel Swanson Leaves for the Far East

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, M. C., who has been Chief of the Outpatient Service for the past 43 months, left Letterman last week for the third time in his army career of 19 years.

The colonel is a Native Son and a graduate of the University of California and came to Letterman for his first station when commissioned in 1930. He returned here for his second tour in 1936 and stayed for four years on the Medical Service as assistant to the Chief. Following a two year tour in the office of the Surgeon General he was assigned to organize and command the 14th Evacuation Hospital which had an exciting life in the CBI theater with station on the Assam-Burma border along the Stilwell Road.

Colonel Swanson remained with his unit until it returned to the United States and deactivated in October 1945. Following a leave of absence he reported at Letterman for duty on a tour which terminated last week.

The newest assignment is with the Far Eastern Command but Colonel Swanson is already looking forward to a fourth tour at Letterman.

Surgeon General Announces New Training Courses

Announcement from the office of the Surgeon General has been made that a plan is under consideration for the establishment of a three months course of instruction in refraction and diseases of the eye at Walter Reed General Hospital, with the initial class reporting on or about 16 September and periodically thereafter providing existing requirements and the availability of Medical officers for participation warrant such action.

In further development of the training program for enlisted personnel technicians a class in neuropsychiatric training will open 5 September at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and be of 12 weeks duration.

And in connection with the same program a 16 weeks course in Elementary Psychiatric Social Work for enlisted personnel will open at the Medical Field Service School on 5 September.

The purpose of the course is to train enlisted men and women to perform non-professional duties under the direction of a commissioned Psychiatric Social Worker. Applicants will be carefully screened, including a personal interview by the recommending officer, to insure that each candidate meets the prerequisites and expresses a desire to attend the course.

385th Evacuation Hospital Reserve Ends Training Camp

Two weeks of on-the-job training at Letterman ends today for officers and nurses of the 385th Evacuation Hospital, Reserve, a Bay Area unit with headquarters at the Presidio.

The 385th, activated 21 June 1948, is the successor, in effect to the now-deactivated, wartime 118th Evacuation Hospital which served in England, France and Germany and received battle participation credit in the Central European Campaign.

The 385th itself did not participate in World War II but when activated took over the documents and history of the 118th (semi-mobile).

The unit reported to Letterman for active duty training 17 July as the third hospital reserve unit holding summer camp here. It is the first evacuation hospital reserve unit to train at Letterman.

During the last two months, two General Hospital Reserve units—the 352nd and the 328th—have been in training here. The 28th reserve concluded its camp officially last Sunday.

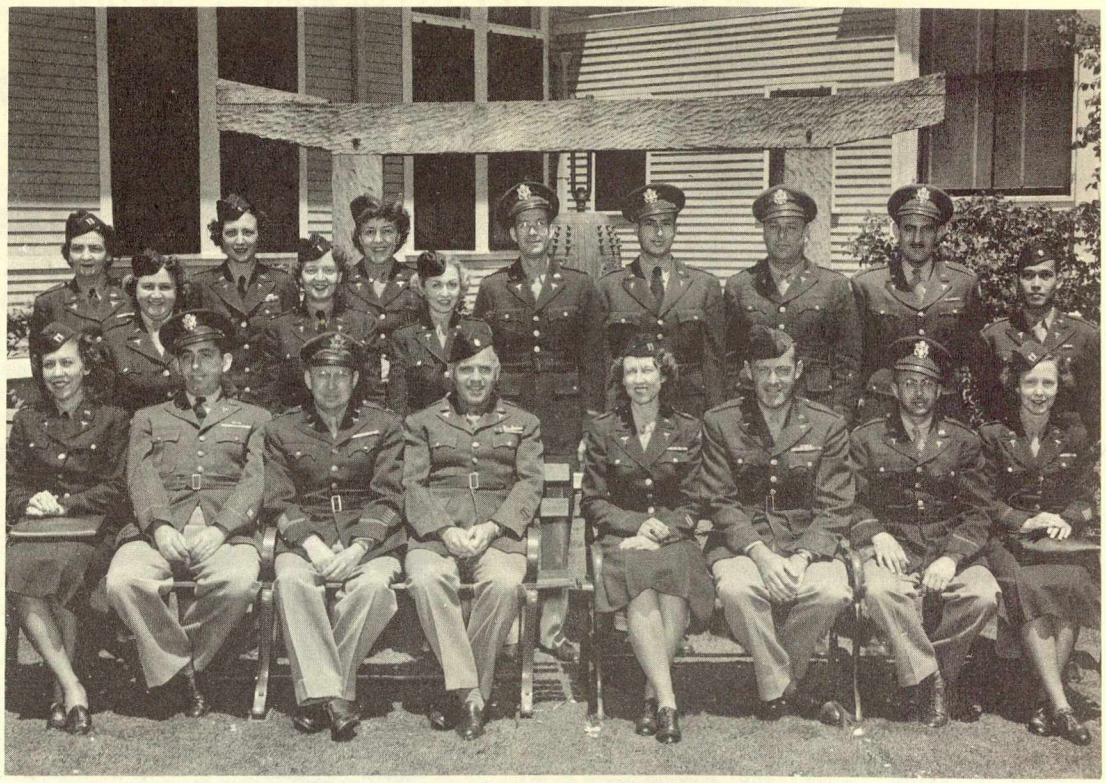
Since its activation by the Sixth Army, the 385th Evacuation Hospital reserve has held two meetings monthly—on the first and third Wednesdays—prior to this its first period of active duty. Regular headquarters for the unit are in Room 305, Stilwell Hall, Presidio of San Francisco.

The training method of the 385th at Letterman were the same as those of the general hospitals, with assignments to local counterparts within the hospital and both professional and administrative procedures included in the program.

The function of an evacuation hospital is to provide hospitalization for all classes of casualties in the combat zone where it is operating and prepare them for further evacuation. It is an Army installation based on one per division (semi-mobile) with a capacity of 400 patients. Assigned to it are a total of 39 officers, 42 nurses, three warrant officers and 251 enlisted men.

Nineteen members of the 385th are on active duty, but the total number of personnel assigned to it now includes 28 officers, 27 nurses and two officers attached and one enlisted man.

Directing the training program is Lieut. Col. Homer C. McCullough, MSC, Medical Unit instructor with the North California-Nevada Officers Reserve Corps Instructor Group, with headquarters on the Presidio.



385TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL RESERVE

Front row (L to R): Capt. Helen M. Henderson, ANC; Lt. Col. Mervin J. Goldman, MC; Maj. Elmer H. Horn, MSC; Lt. Col. Louis B. Goldstein, MC, commanding officer; Capt. Elsie L. Gates, ANC; 1st Lt. James W. Kavanaugh, MSC; Lt. Col. Max M. Berger, MC; Capt. Bessie Lawrence, ANC. Second row (L to R): Capt. Florence H. Randolph, ANC; 2nd Lt. Betty L. Rogers, ANC; 1st Lt. Margaret M. Budke, ANC; 1st Lt. Pomona K. Makela, ANC; 1st Lt. Huretta B. Burruss, ANC; 1st Lt. Lorraine E. Greenough, ANC; Maj. John L. Reiger, MC; 1st Lt. Bertram C. Solomon, MC; 1st Lt. Stanley S. Buffa, MSC; Maj. Morris Berk, Mc; Maj. Gregorio P. Chua, MC.

The commanding officer of the 385th is Lieut. Col. Louis B. Goldstein, MC, specialist in obstetrics and gynecology in private practice in San Francisco.

Col. Goldstein is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; Diplomate, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; clinical instructor in obstetrics and gynecology, University of California Medical School and Hospital and San Francisco Hospital, adjunct in obstetrics, Mt. Zion Hospitals, and a member of the courtesy staff of Children's and French hospitals.

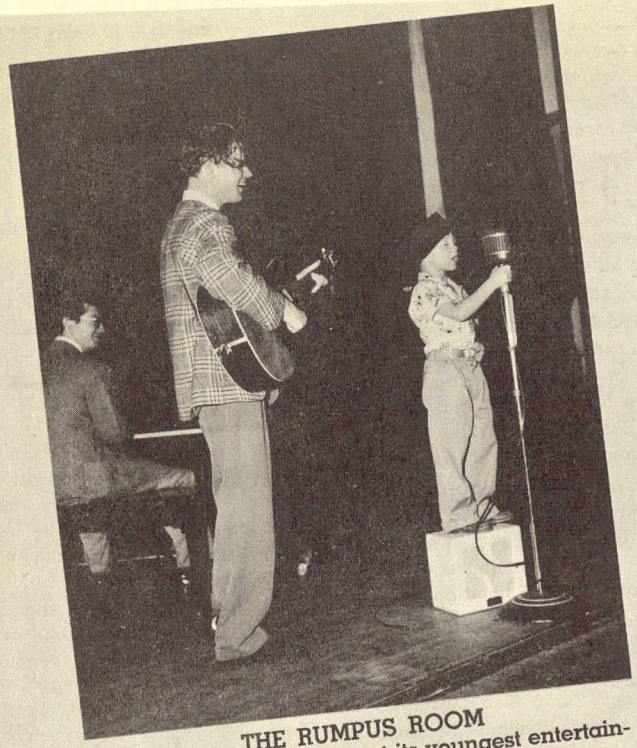
The following officers also are on active duty: (Unit assignments, place of residence and civilian occupation listed for each officers):

Lieut. Col. Mervin J. Goldman, MC, chief of medical service, assistant chief of medical service, Veterans Hospital, Oakland; Lieut. Col. Max M. Berger, MC, chief of surgical service, urologist, Veterans Administration, Oakland; Maj. Morris Berk, MC, internist, Veterans Hospital, Oakland; Maj. John L. Reiger, MC, general medical examiner, Veterans Administration regional office, San Francisco.

Maj. Gregorio O. Chua, MC, medical officer, Adjudication Division, Veterans Administration, San Francisco; First Lieut. Bertram C. Solomon, MC, assistant resident in pathology, Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco; Maj. Elmer H. Horn, MSC, registered pharmacist, Petaluma, California; First Lieut. James W. Kavanaugh, MSC, senior statistician, Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco; First Lieut. Stanley L. Buffa, MSC, chief of procurement, eterans Administration regional office, San Francisco.

Capt. Elsie L. Gates, ANC, chief nurse, private duty nurse in San Francisco; Capt. Helen M. Henderson, ANC, public health nurse, Department of Public Health, San Francisco; Capt. Bessie Lawrence, ANC, instructor and supervisor of surgical nursing, Stanford University hospitals, San Francisco; Capt. Florence H. Randolph, ANC, rotating service, San Quentin Prison Hospital, First Lieut. Margaret M. Budke, ANC, private duty nurse, San Francisco; First Lieut. Huretta B. Burruss, ANC, public health nurse, Department of Public Health, San Francisco; First Lieut. Lorraine E. Greenough, attending school and working part-time in office of a San Francisco physician; Second Lieut. Betty L. Rogers, former operating room surgical nurse, San Francisco Polyclinic hospital; First Lieut. Pomona K. Makela, ANC, former public health nurse with the Los Angeles City Department of Public Health. Lieut. Makela is the wife of Captain Leo R. Makela, MSC, now stationed at Letterman.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



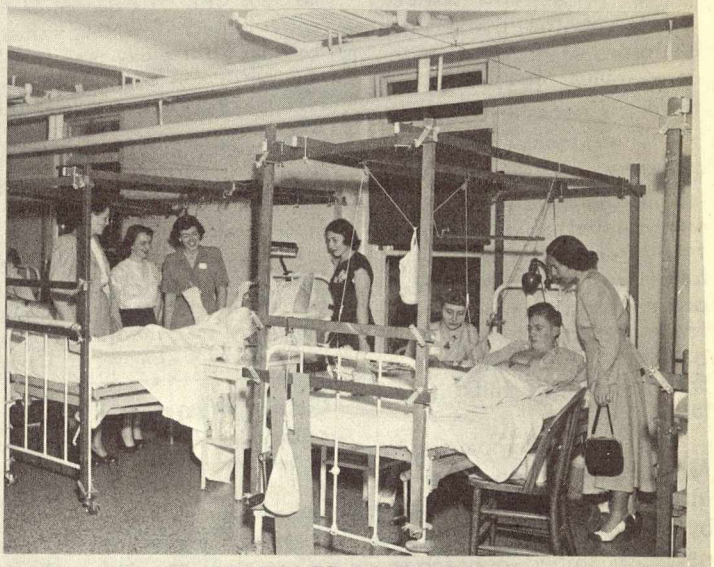
THE RUMPUS ROOM
Local night club sends out its youngest entertainer to perform for the patients.



ARRIVING FOR VOLUNTEER DUTY
The Shell Hostesses pose for a picture before going to the wards in the role of Red Cross volunteers: L to R--Patricia Lynch, Frances Hickey, Jean Johnson, Lois Veit, Ruth Abbott, and Winifred Gegg.



NEW CAPTAINS ALL
With the Commanding General in the middle after he attached the insignia. L to R--Richard L. Sedlacek, Robert K. Rawers, William R. Beisel, Leland M. Bitner, General Cole, Ervin A. Kjenaas, James M. Lauderdale, and Charles R. Montz.



PATIENTS POSE TOO
As Sgt. John J. Givlin and Pfc. Jack L. Billings are surrounded by attention from the vivacious volunteers.

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EDITORIAL

WAITING

The name of Abraham Lincoln, rail-splitter, humanitarian, President, is synonymous with wisdom. His courageous philosophies still guide thought, logic and justice.

One of the many striking examples of his wisdom is this comparison, drawn to illustrate the necessity of a quality which so many of us lack—patience:

"A man watches his pear tree day after day, impatient for the ripening of the fruit. Let him attempt to force the process, and he may spoil both fruit and tree. But let him patiently wait, and the ripe fruit at length falls into his lap."

How many campaigns have failed, how futile have been intricate plans when stalked by the impatience of the planner, the impediment to success.

Sometimes "waiting" can be most aggravating, but here is needed the courage of patience to offset confusion, dismay—the difference between winning—and losing.



Captain **Helen A. Nelson,** ANC, and Captain **Lourine J. Patterson,** ANC, will leave Monday for the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where they will study hospital administration. The course lasts 20 weeks.

Two new arrivals to the ANC here reported in this week. They are First Lieutenant **Juanita Brooks,** ANC, who returned to active duty from civilian life, and First Lieutenant **Julia E. Lavin,** ANC, who transferred from the station hospital at Fort Ord.

First Lieutenant **Mary F. Neeb,** ANC, was called to her home at Abilene, Texas, because of the death of her father.

Three members of the nurse corps have taken leaves. First Lieutenant **Margaret E. Knox** took five days, and Captain **Winifred A. Hughes** and First Lieutenant **Beryl O. Skelton** took 14 days each.

Mrs. **Margaret A. Hickey,** a civilian nurse at Letterman, has taken a 15-day leave.

Yosemite National Park is a popular spot with OT's Second Lieutenant **Jean Racicot, WMSC,** visited the park on a three-day pass, and Second Lieutenant **Mary Ellen Pomeroy,** WMSC, will go there during a week's leave.

Second Lieutenant **Ruth Jack,** WMSC-Reserve, is on two weeks of active duty with Physical Therapy at Letterman.

First Lieutenant **Gertrude Shafer,** WMSC, recently of PT here and now en route overseas, advised friends at Letterman that she was flying over and enjoyed a stopover in Hawaii.

Gen. Winn Here

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, retired, former commanding general of Letterman from 1946 to 1948, was a visitor here last week while in town on a pleasure trip.

General Winn, during the late war, commanded Schick General Hospital, Moore General Hospital, and England General Hospital before coming to Letterman. He is now connected with the Department of Public Health for the state of Texas, and makes his headquarters at Austin.

WAC

A lately reported event is the marriage of Sergeant **Jane Jones** of the detachment to Sergeant **Lloyd Woodbury,** stationed at Letterman. The ceremony was performed on the post Thursday evening, 21 July. Sgt. Jones is now on a 30-day leave.

Sergeant First Class **Myrtle Gragg** has taken a 30-day re-enlistment leave, and she is visiting in Chicago.

Private First Class **Marjorie Hurst** returned recently from a three-day pass to enter the hospital for another operation on her knee. The pass allowed her time to visit in Sacramento.

At last eight members of the detachment have joined the Letterman Glee Club directed by Sergeant First Class **Guy Shortz,** Troop Information and Education instructor.

Another new arrival at the detachment is Private **Janell Clark,** who hails from Florida. She took basic at Camp Lee, Virginia, and went to supply school at Camp Lee. Before reporting to Letterman, she went home on a delay en route.

Sergeant First Class **Julia Brew** has returned from New York, where she visited on a 19-day re-enlistment leave.

Back also is Private **Beth Bryson** who went to Roseburg, Oregon, on a 15-day emergency leave.

Absent from her desk this week on a three-day pass was First Sergeant **Opal Glenn.**

The reporters report that the latest bit of general activity around the WAC area is concentrated on a curtain-ironing project. The curtains are for the WAC day room.

There are rumors abroad that our wandering WACs are soon to return to the fold. Said WACs being Sgt. **Chris McConnell** and Sgt. **Bobbie Gaulding,** who have been recruitin' down Texas way.

Complaints

All duty and patient personnel are reminded that complaints may be registered with the Inspector General, Room 115, Administration Building, this hospital. His office is open for complaints daily, Monday through Friday, from 1000 to 1100 hours and from 1500 to 1600 hours. Complaints will be registered on LGH Form 264-A, revised.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday 31, July 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Volunteers

Of the many groups of volunteers working under the auspices of the American Red Cross at Letterman, the young ladies from the local office of the Shell Oil Company rate a special mention.

For the past three and a half years this group has come out one evening each week to spend a few hours with the patients adding cheer to that period at the end of the day when spirits normally droop. Each of the ladies has done a full stint at her normal occupation with the Shell Company on that day but instead of rushing homeward they board a street car and come out to Letterman.

These young volunteers concentrate on the bedfast patients and those who are limited to wheel chairs. Chatting and card playing are the main pastimes and some of the girls will plead guilty to acquiring real skill at Gin Rummy, Cribbage, and even Pinochle. And during the holiday season their very presence does much to make the Red Cross programs a great success.

Recently an account of their activity was published in "Shell Tidings"—a house organ—and some of the pictures which illustrated that story will be found on page 3.

The "Shell Regulars" are: Patricia Lynch, Hayden Stewart, Ruth Abbott, Frances Hickey, Winifred Gegg, Sally MacDonald, Lois Veit, and Jean Johnson.

Indiana Bonus

Blank application forms for Indiana Bonus have just been received and can be obtained at the Legal Assistance Office, Room 110, Administration Building.

Life insurance paid American families $100 each second of last year.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HARRIET HOLLINGWORTH
Private

Private Harriet M. Hollingworth (no "s", if you please), a clerk-typist in Outpatient Service, is the newest addition to the WAC detachment at Letterman.

The 19-year-old, blue-eyed brunette was assigned here from 405 (clerk-typist) school at Camp Lee, Virginia, where she also took basic training.

Pvt. Hollingworth, a native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, enlisted last 17 February at Greensburg for three years, and thereby ended a brief career as a long distance telephone operator with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

She was graduated from Greensburg High School in June, 1948, where she studied general subjects and played in the high school band.

During her high school career she worked after school hours and at night but this didn't prevent her from graduating with honors, as she reluctantly admits.

She arrived at Letterman 17 July after her first trip across the country and the so-advertised "magnificent beauty" of the West failed to impress her so much as her native Greensburg.

The comely WAC reads and "writes letters home" during most of her off-duty time, and she likes music, especially popular and "hillbilly" types. She learned to like the latter, she says, while stationed in Virginia, although her hometown is well within the power radius of several eastern stations particularly noted for string ballads and classics.

The future interest of Pvt. Hollingworth is matrimony, but if she doesn't marry—if, mind you—she would like to study for work as an airline hostess.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

By Jack Lewyn

The spirit of try, try again was illustrated this week by Corporal **Kenneth Hymer,** ward 30, a competitor in the Anglers Club fishing derby. And if most fishermen could be so fortunate, there wouldn't be any need for tall-tale alibis.

When Hymer went out two weeks ago, he hooked a 13-pounder, but the catch was not large enough for an entry in the continuing, season-long derby. That week, Captain **William M. Bauer,** patient on ward 26, came home with the prize catch, a 16-pound salmon.

Up until then, Capt. Bauer's salmon was the largest catch in the derby, but Hymer's latest efforts netted him an 18-pound salmon, the top so far.

The angler who lands the largest salmon or the largest catch in the classification of "other edible fish" during the derby wins a cup. The derby runs from April to October.

Bingo games on three wards were sponsored Thursday night by members of the Avon Cosmetics Company Employees Association of San Francisco.

The games were played from 19 to 2100 on Ward 43, Ward B-2 and Ward S-1 for the entertainment of patients.

Patients who pocketed dollars at USAFI's quiz show in the recreation hall recently included Private **Luther (Rusty) Stevens,** ward M-1, and Private First Class **Justeseu D. Lee,** ward 31. The quiz show is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday during coffee time at the rec hall.

Patients on ward O-2 were entertained recently by **Nancy Jacobs** and her ballet dancers from San Francisco, brought here by the Red Cross.

The chess "opponent" of **William Lee,** a patient on ward F-2, is a donkey, and the statement is no reflection on any human opposition he may have. This donkey is a statue, more or less, and its relaxation before the board is best illustrated by the fact that it is "smoking" a pipe.

Lee uses the mute opponent as he uses chess problems from a book to improve his game.

Speaking of chess, Captain **Bill Miller,** ward D-2, took a miniature board to the cafeteria recently to engage friends while having coffee and prevent any lost motion.

Variety entertainment for patients Thursday at the recreation hall featured the "Salute to Gershwin" show from Hotel Mark Hopkins.

Starred were **Barclay Allen** and his Rhythm Four, Singer **Stuart Wade** and the Gershwin Girls.

Another recent show here featured the talent from Club Lido downtown, featuring **Slick Slavin** and **Sammy Blank's** orchestra.

Cowboy Star **Gene Autry,** whose rodeo is in San Francisco, gave performances on three wards Thursday afternoon. He appeared on wards E-1, E-2 and F-2.

Chief Warrant Officer **Marcus Nugent,** ward D-2, seems to have energy-plus, what with golf intermingled with his efforts in education—five correspondence courses. Never a dull moment, it would seem.

Corporal **Everett Sykes,** ward 30, has reserved two nights a week for education, and he will study typing at classes on the Presidio.

Bases Loaded

▶ There was a time, not too many years ago, when anything was likely to happen after the Dodgers took the field against National League opposition. Their screwball antics on the diamond came in clusters. Brooklyn fans became rather accustomed to it all.

There was a cab driver parked outside Ebbets Field awaiting the end-of-the-game rush, and he called out to a fan inside the park, seated in the very last row.

"What's happenin'?"

"They's three men on base," the fan called.

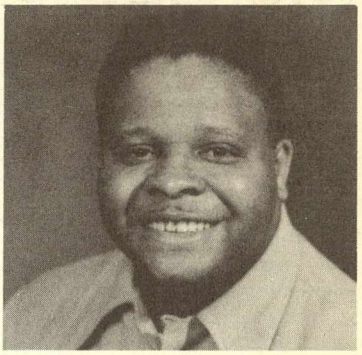
The driver never batted an eye.

"Which base?" he asked.



—Arthur Daley in the N. Y. Times

DO YOU KNOW?



EUGENE JOHNSON
Wardmaster, L-1

A wealth of Army experience dating from 1936 aids Eugene Johnson, now a civilian, in his duties as wardmaster on ward L-1.

Johnson has been wardmaster since last February. He has been with the Hospital Service Branch since December, 1947, when he was employed as a ward helper.

The former Tech Sergeant Johnson, a native of Dallas, Texas, came to San Francisco in 1946 to visit his brother, a merchant seaman. He altered his plans and became a San Franciscan by choice.

Johnson enlisted in August, 1936, and was discharged in October, 1945.

He trained at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and was stationed there for four years. He completed both medical and surgical technicians' school at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, before going overseas with the field artillery in December, 1946. He was assigned also at the station hospital, Fort Sill.

During 36 months overseas, Johnson's duty took him to Africa, Italy, France, Belgium and Germany. He returned to the United States shortly before his discharge.

He worked in Dallas for about a year before making the journey to the Golden State. Johnson and his wife now live in San Francisco.

An all-sports enthusiast, he played right halfback with Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas and performed with Army teams.

"I really like Letterman," says Johnson, expressing a similar view for the city of San Francisco.

Color-blind men were used by the Air force during the war to spot camouflaged targets blurred to ordinary eyesight.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Rebecca Garcia

June Grumstrup has transferred from Military Personnel to Neuropsychiatric Service.

Mr. **Robert Grellman** of the Letterman Post Office returned to work this week after a wonderful three weeks vacation spent at his cabin in the Santa Cruz mountains. But, he said, it wasn't all play. The cabin, in addition to 65 acres, kept him busy during his stay.

Mrs. **Zita Kelly** of the Insurance office is currently enjoying a vacation at Tule Lake while San Jose and surrounding territory will be **Signe Anderson's** vacation grounds for two weeks.

Elizabeth Thomas of Civilian Personnel visited with friends last week end in Sausalito, **Esther Klenclaus** of Detachment of Patients, enjoyed a visit to Monte Rio with her family and **Helen Lund** of Civilian payroll Section and her husband, **Ray,** traveled to Salt Lake City over the week end to visit their families. **Pearl Robillard** of Civilian Payroll Section returned this week from a month's leave spent in Washington state.

We welcome three newcomers to Letterman this week. **Jeanne P. Pinnette** is the latest addition to the Obstetrics & Gynecology Service, **Elmer R. Apgood** is the newest member of the Laboratory Service and **Joyce M. Hudgens** takes up duties in the Neuropsychiatric Service.

Betty Seashore of Orthopedic Service and **Jeanette Powers** of Military Personnel have left us due to ill health.

Mrs. **Leah Frisby,** who has been the head librarian here since August 1945, resigned this week but made no announcement concerning her future plans. Under Mrs. Frisby's supervision the Letterman Library grew in size to compare favorably with the libraries of our other hospitals and her broad experience helped materially in the organization of our new medical library.

Alvin Torre of Medical Supply visited Mirabelle Park during a recent week end and he liked it so much he will leave Monday to spend his vacation there. He will be gone two weeks.

A yawn may be bad manners, but it's an honest opinion.

ARMY LIFE 'FASCINATING,' SAYS NEW CLASSIFICATION OFFICER HERE



Capt. CAMILLE B. SWIGERT MSC (WAC)
Classification and Assignment Officer

When questioned about her service career, Captain Camille B. Swigert, MSC (WAC), says enthusiastically that she finds the Army "fascinating." And in less than two months, incidentally, Capt. Swigert will complete seven years of continuous service.

She is a relative newcomer to Letterman. As a matter of fact, she has been here just 15 days. She was assigned here as Classification and Assignments officer in the Personnel division 15 July.

Capt. Swigert came to Letterman from Washington, D. C., where she had been on duty with the Intelligence division for three years.

She enlisted in the WAAC 21 September 1942 and took basic training at Des Moines, Iowa. After basic, she attended Officer Candidate School at Des Moines and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Capt. Swigert was transferred to the WAC administrative branch in Texas, where she was stationed for a year before shifting to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, as assistant adjutant.

After a year at Claiborne, she went overseas in March, 1945, as assistant adjutant with a military government organization and was stationed in London, Paris, Versailles and Berlin.

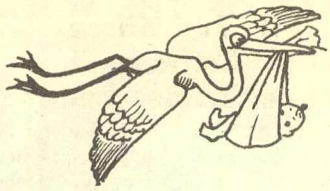
She was assigned to Washington shortly after her return from overseas in 1946.

A resident of Huntington, West Virginia, she taught in the public schools of Huntington before entering service. She was graduated from Marshall College at Huntington.

Capt. Swigert has a ready answer for questions about her hobbies special off-duty interests.

"I'm interested in everything in general," she smiles. And she underscores her enthusiasm for the Army.

Capt. Swigert is married to G. M. Swigert, a distributor for the Standard Oil Company, and they plan to make their home on the West Coast.



16 July

To Sgt. and Mrs. Richard R. Von Bargen, Sr., a boy, **Richard Robert, Jr.**

To Sgt 1/cl and Mrs. Christopher C. Davis, Jr., a boy, **Christopher Michael.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James T. Smith, a boy, **Kent James.**

17 July

To Pvt. and Mrs. James Thompson a girl, **Janet Louise.**

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Andrew J. Choos, a girl, **Carol Ann.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Matthew C. Moore, a girl, **Melanie Ann.**

18 July

To Cpl. and Mrs. William R. Cordava, Sr., a boy, **William Raymond, Jr.**

19 July

To Sgt. and Mrs. William D. Mason, Jr., a girl, **Cheri Marlene.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle L. Baxter, a boy, **Tommy Lavern.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Fred F. Suzukawa, a boy, **Daryl Frederick.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Rudy A. Paladini, a girl, **Linda Phyllis.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert C. McCulloch, a boy, **Kenneth Sidney.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Earl A. Batchelder, a girl, **Carla Jane.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold A. Miller, a girl, **Marilyn Kay.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Theodore L. Beckman, a girl, **Phyllis Yvonne.**

20 July

To Pfc. and Mrs. Donald I. Duncan, a girl, **Hazel Lavon.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Goodwin G. Picket, a girl, **Cathy Louise.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. James L. Kelly, a girl, **Patricia Lee.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Alexander E. Shackleford, Sr., a boy, **Alexander Earl, Jr.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Franklin E. Drake, Sr., a boy, **Franklin Earl, Jr.**

21 July

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Barat, a boy, **Girardin Samuel.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Arthur C. Broks, Jr., a boy, **Raymond Warren.**

22 July

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Woolnough, a boy, **Robert Carlton.**

GI Bill Guarantees Help Purchase of Homes Under Loan

More than 1,500,000 veterans of World War II have purchased homes with the help of Loan Guarantees provided in the GI Bill, the Veterans Administration announced.

The VA said the 27,412 new applications for Home Loan Guarantees received from lenders in June represented an increase of more than 40 per cent over the low point reached in the first three months of 1949.

The sharp upturn in new applications followed a steady decline for a year and a half from the 50,000 rate per month in the fall of 1947. The peak was in September, 1946, when almost 58,000 applications were received.

The interest rate on GI Home Loans cannot exceed four percent, and they may be made repayable over periods up to 25 years. VA guarantees the lender against loss for up to 50 per cent of the amount loaned to the veteran, with a maximum contributed to reversal.

Several factors apparently contributed to the reversal in the long downtrend in GI loans, VA said. One is the government secondary market for these loans, authorized last year, which has made additional funds available for GI lending.

Another is the growing investment problem facing lending agencies whose deposits have been mounting rapidly in recent months.

VA said the million and a half veteran home buyers have established a splendid record in meeting their mortgage obligations. Latest figures show that default claims have had to be paid on only three of every 1,000 home loans guaranteed.

Pat on Back

Goes to the activities listed and in the order named for being the ten highest individual ratings in sanitation and police as noted by the Hospital Inspector for the period 1 January to 29 June 1949:

Crissy Annex Mess
Physio-Therapy
Radiology Section
Bldg. 247, EM Barracks
Out-Patient Service
Basement Section (Custodial)
Ward M-2
Ward A-1
Ward B-2
Bldg. 271 (EM Day Room)

MAJOR BUTKUS BECOMES CHIEF OF LETTERMAN OUTPATIENT SERVICE



Major WALTER A. BUTKUS, MC
Who took over the Outpatient Service this week

Major Walter A. Butkus, MC, became Chief of Outpatient Service here last week when Colonel Leonard D. Swanson, MC, left on leave before reporting for transfer to Japan.

Major Butkus, an Army medical officer for nine years, had been assistant chief since October, 1948, when he arrived here on transfer after completing a year-long tour of duty with the Special Weapons Project.

With the project, he was stationed at various installations to study radiation hazards.

Major Butkus, whose service screens all admissions to the hospital and conducts routine physical examinations, entered the Army from Chicago in October, 1940, after two years of general private practice in the Windy City.

A graduate of Loyola Medical School in Chicago, he interned at Cook County Hospital there.

His first station was at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York, where he remained for a year before shifting to the 54th Medical Battalion at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

He stayed with the 54th, went overseas in March, 1943, and saw service in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Trieste before the outfit was ordered to the Pacific theatre in August, 1945. The battalion was at sea en route to the Philippines when ordered to report back to the United States.

When the 54th was deactivated in October, 1945, Major Butkus was assigned to Headquarters, Third Corps, at Camp Polk, Louisiana, until it, too, was deactivated. He then shifted to the Special Weapons project, studying atomic radiation hazards, at stations ranging from Tennessee, New Mexico and Chicago to Entiwetok.

He is married, and the father of two children, a boy and a girl. Mrs. Butkus is the daughter of the late Colonel Raymond W. Hardenbergh, Inf., Ret., who died at Letterman last February.

Major Butkus says he pursues the tee-to-green sport of golf as a pastime "when I get time."

MEDICAL DETACH

An Air Force Medical unit, the 2209th Hospital Squadron, was activated at Letterman under orders effective 26 July. The unit will be stationed here. It includes 90 men, with 74 transfers from 9956 TSU-SGO.

Members of the squadron volunteered for transfer from the medical detachment here in a canvass taken several weeks ago.

As a result of the shift, you'll see privates first class become corporals, corporals buck sergeants and privates Pfc's but not because of any host of promotions. The Air Force did not change its rating as did the Army.

Six enlistments or re-enlistments were listed this week by the recruiting section.

Master Sergeant **Desmond Honnold**, re-upped for three years for shipment to the Far East Command. After a 32-day leave, he will report to Fort Ord for shipment overseas.

Private First Class **Elam F. Hillyard** re-enlisted for three years, and deferred leave; Sergeant First Class **Frederick M. Henderson**, reupped for assignment to the 11th Car Company on the Presidio and took a 30 days leave; Master Sergeant **Donald E. Robblee**, a former captain, re-enlisted as a master sergeant to retire; Sergeant **William T. Morris**, re-enlisted for an indefinite period and took a 30-day leave to visit in North Carolina; Private First Class **Donald E. Stegmann**, reupped for an indefinite period and took a 30-day leave to visit Wisconsin.

Sergeant **Howard E. Fuller** extended his enlistment for three years to permit assignment to the Caribbean area.

Private **William Scott** left early this week to escort a patient to Lexington, Kentucky, on temporary duty.

The sailor who spent his leave at a swank resort diagnosed his trip as expensive and rainy. "There," he said, "it didn't matter whether I went out or not. If I went outside, I got wet, and if I stayed inside, I got soaked."

Fight Card Draws Big Crowd for Anniversary Party

Fighters battling under the banner of Letterman registered victories in three of their four scheduled bouts on the All-Armed Forces boxing program here Wednesday night.

Heavyweight honors were annexed by Lucius Tate, a 208-pound slugger who decisioned Corporal Urias Hill, 185¼, Camp Stoneman, whose main assault force in the three-round waltz was a sweeping haymaker. Although floored once in the early stages of the encounter, Private Tate, more methodical in offense, easily outpointed his opponent.

Private First Class Ulysses Allen, 137, outpointed Sergeant Clyde Mayberry, 135¾, Fairfield Air Force Base, and Private Celestino Gomez, 116¼, decisioned Aviation Machinist Richard Bradford, 115, of the Navy's Moffett Field.

Private Manuel Landeros, 119½, Letterman, dropped a split decision to a ring-wise puncher from Fairfield, Sergeant Jesse Bridgeman, 122½.

Six other bouts, matching fighters who have been competing mostly in the ring series on Treasure Island, topped the card, arranged at the Letterman Sports Center to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the Army Medical Department.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Frank L. Cole joined the capacity crowd of officers, patients and duty personnel who witnesses the matches.

Pre-program and intermission entertainment was furnished by the 358th Army Band.

Officials for the evening were representatives of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). The referee was Billy Burke, well-known in Bay Area fight circles, and judges were Paul Gogol, Alameda; Russ Bradford, Alameda, and Eddie James, San Francisco.

Brother fought brother in one bout on the card, but it was only an exhibition. Matched, indeed were Aviation Machinists LeRoy and Leon Burns, twin brothers stationed with the Navy at Hunters Point. The exhibition for LeRoy, 115, and Leon, 116, was arranged when no opponents were available for them.

The complete summary:

Bridgeman, 122½, Fairfield AFB, outpointed Landeros, 119½, Letterman.

Gomez, 116¼, Letterman, decisioned Bradford, 115, Moffett Field.

Russell, 143, Fairfield, outpointed Kelly, 141, Camp Stoneman.

Allen, 137, Letterman decisioned Mayberry, 135¾, Fairfield.

Echols, 137, Fairfield, decisioned Hale, 143¾, Hunters Point.

Meadows, 148, Hunters Point, TKO'd Lane, 141½, Fairfield (2:45 in second round).

Ross, 165, Stoneman, outpointed Dixson, 170, Moffett Field.

McFarland, 171, Fairfield, TKO'd Powell, 173, Stoneman (2:50 in first round).

Tate, 208, Letterman, decisioned Hill, 185¼, Stoneman.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The program for housing of Service personnel was given added impetus recently when the House approved a bill authorizing an extension of insured-lending operations by the Federal Housing Administration for the private construction of rental housing at military installations. The bill limits aggregate mortgages to $½ billion but it can be increased to $1 billion with the approval of the President. Under the bill, private contractors would receive long-term leases on military sites. The military would supply utility services.

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USAF has about 200 vacancies in Stateside recruiting stations with few applications on file to fill them. About 50 of the vacancies are in the First Army Area, New York and New England. The vacancies range in grade from corporal to tech sergeant, but a few masters will be accepted, AF headquarters said. Applicants must have an efficiency rating of excellent or better, must have three years or more in the Service, must be 24 to 45, and must score at least 310 in the sales adaptability test.

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Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert, have written letters of congratulation to the Air National Guard upon the completion of its basic organization. The Johnson letter said that organization of the 514 ANG units "is an achievement deserving the highest praise."

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A new enlisted promotion system for the Marine Corps, planned to unify current procedure pending further changes, has been established. The new procedure, which also adjusts service-in-grade requirements for promotion, will remain in effect until revision of the manual of occupational specialties and the MC manual is completed.

Pay Bill Reported

The pay bill has been approved—9 to 1—by the Senate Armed Services Committee. It must now be passed on the floor of the Senate and signed by the President. Pay increases for military personnel would amount to more than $300 million a year under the provisions of the bill. Senator Millard E. Tydings, chairman of the Committee, said he thought passage of the bill was doubtful "unless savings to offset its increased costs result from other legislation now pending before Congress."

As reported, the pay bill would increase generals' monthly pay over levels previously approved by the House but would reduce their pay for flight and other hazardous duty from $210 to $150.

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Enlistment of 10,000 aliens in the Army is called for in a bill tentatively approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee. Under the bill, which was introduced by Senator Lodge, Mass., and endorsed by the Department of the Army, aliens between the ages of 18 and 36 would be enlisted if they agreed to serve for five years.

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Military personnel who actively participated in the Berlin Airlift operation are soon to be awarded the Medal for Humane Action. The Award was recently approved unanimously by the House.

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A new DA pamphlet (21-5) is a treasure trove of information on personal affairs of soldiers. It replaces a WD pamphlet of the same number issued in 1944, and while it is not intended for individual distribution, copies will be made available for reference in all unit files. The 40-page pamphlet discusses the use of soldiers' deposits and bonds as a means of systematic savings; outlines the role of the Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief in meeting emergencies; and summarizes the pay and allowance laws as well as myriad other details of interest to the individual soldier.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Question: Is a peacetime veteran entitled to hospitalization, outpatient medical and dental treatment?

Answer: A peacetime veteran may be entitled to hospitalization provided he was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions for a disability incurred in line of duty or is receiving compensation for a service-connected or service-aggravated disability. Such a veteran may also be entitled to outpatient medical and dental treatment and prosthetic service for his service-connected disability.

Question: What must I do to get my NSLI dividend payment at the earliest possible moment?

Answer: Do not write VA about your NSLI dividend. To do so will cause delay. Special application blanks are now being prepared, and are expected to be available in August at every post office, veterans service organization and VA office.

Question: I converted my National Service Life Insurance to 20-payment life. Is it possible to convert this policy again to a cheaper plan of insurance, such as ordinary life?

Answer: You may, provided you are able to pass a physical examination.

Question: I am the beneficiary of a $10,000 NSLI policy. Are the payments I am receiving subject to taxation?

Answer: No. The payments of National Service Life Insurance as such are wholly exempt from Federal taxation.

Question: Will you please tell me in what order of preference the flag will be disposed of following burial of a veteran.

Answer: Priority is as follows: Widow or widower; children according to age, with sons having preference over daughters; father; mother; brothers or sisters; uncles or aunts; nephews or nieces; cousins; and grandparents. In-laws and friends are not entitled. Except where circumstances existing at time of death prevent the issuance of a flag to drape the casket, no flag will be issued subsequent to the burial.

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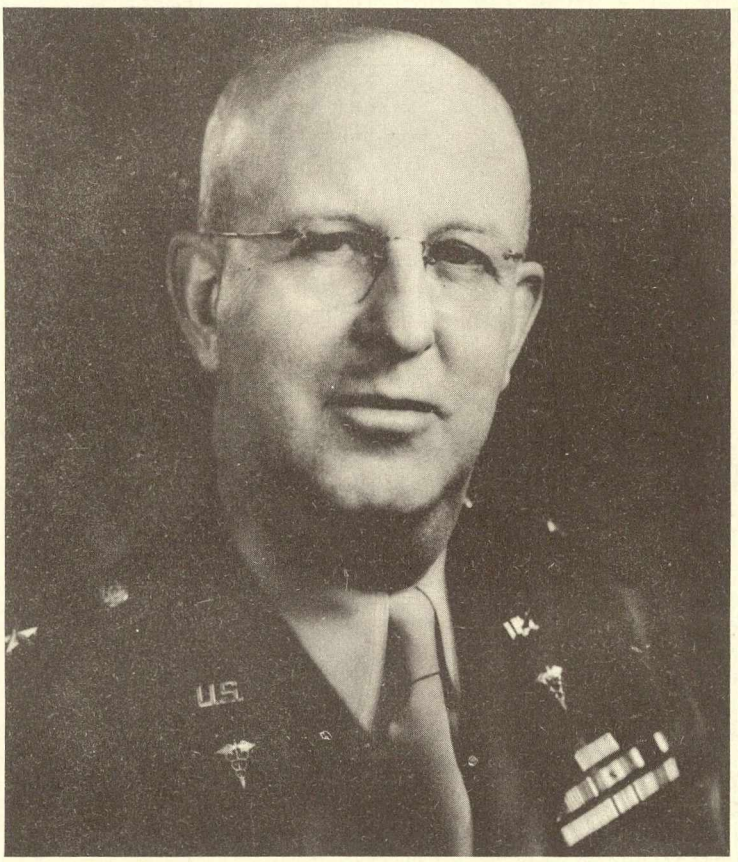
Local Transfers to Air Forces Now In Effect Here

With the activation here last week of the 2209th Hospital Squadron the local divorce of the Army from the Air Force was complete.

In addition to the 79 enlisted men and one enlisted WAC transferred to the new unit, commanded by Captain George Danko, AF, the following officers moved over to the new branch of the defense forces, but will remain at Letterman for the present.

Medical Corps: Col. Earl Maxwell. **Dental Corps:** Lt. Col. Donald B. Lenkerd, Lt. Col. Frederick W. Warren, Jr. **Medical Service Corps:** Maj. John J. Clancy, Jr., Maj. James H. Marsh, Capt. Edwin M. Wehrman, Capt. Keerkor Bedayan, 1st Lt. James C. Gallops, 1st Lt. Curtis E. Service. **Army Nurse Corps:** Capt. Helen M. Girodon, Capt. Jean M. Mauzey, 1st Lt. Esther M. Anderson, 1st Lt. Ann K. Brady, 1st Lt. Marquerite M. Laetsch, 1st Lt. Lyda M. McLean, 1st Lt. Phyllis J. Patrick, 1st Lt. Marsha M. Sostik, 1st Lt. Anna B. Zunick, 1st Lt. Elizabeth A. Zettel, 2nd Lt. Maxine Baird, 2nd Lt. Norma E. Henning, 2nd Lt. Wanda M. King, 2nd Lt. Mary H. Koenig, 2nd Lt. Jacquie D. Lane, 2nd Lt. Wilma P. Mercer, 2nd Lt. Mary L. Pacific, 2nd Lt. Clara Peckens, 2nd Lt. Virginia R. Scott, 2nd Lt. Dorothy M. Sterling. **Physical Therapists:** 1st Lt. Lucille B. Burt, 1st Lt. Helen I. DeZwarte, 1st Lt. Betty F. Hearne, 1st Lt. Dorothy A. Nichols, 1st Lt. Ruth A. Wall. **Occupational Therapists:** 2nd Lt. Jane A. Racicot. **Student Detachment:** (Medical Corps) Lt. Col. John W. Linfesty, Lt. Col. Harvey C. Boyd, Lt. Col. Brenke P. Lelich, Lt. Col. Donald E. Reiner, Maj. Herbert W. Coone, Maj. Bruce H. Bennett, Maj. Don P. Peters, Jr., Maj. Urquhart L. Meeter, Maj. Wil-

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Brigadier General FRANK L. COLE
Commanding General

On this eighth anniversary of The Fog Horn I wish to extend hearty congratulations from the patients, the staff and myself. The many years of excellent service of this fine paper is to be commended, and may it continue to contribute to the morale of this hospital throughout the coming years.

FRANK L. COLE,
Commanding

Fort Lewis Team Wins Sixth Army Swimming Meet

Swimmers from Fort Lewis, Washington, captained by First Lieutenant Howard F. McAdoo won their third straight Sixth Army Championship Swimming title at the 1949 meet held at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California, on Friday evening last.

The Fort Lewis swimmers won seven first and five seconds of the eight scheduled events of the meet, accumulating a total of 45 points. The Camp Stoneman team placed second with eight points, and third and fourth places were won by the Presidio of Monterey and Letterman General Hospital with six and three points, respectively.

Lieutenant McAdoo won two firsts, the 220-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, and a second in the 440-yard freestyle.

Trophies for title winners were presented by Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital. A feature of the meet was a diving exhibition by Captain Samuel (Sammy) Lee, 1948 Olympic high-diving champion and no win residency training at Letterman General Hospital.

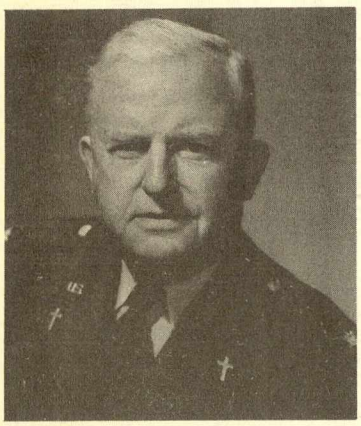
Officials, all Amateur Athletic Union representatives, were Bob Brandlein, Pacific Association swimming commissioner, referee; Frank Zanzazzie, starter, and Al Mattern, Ed Olson, Tom Wistead, Al Stariha and Frank Geis. Captain Lee judged diving entries.

Note

Due to the critical shortage of Medical Corps officers no daytime outpatient calls will be made off the Presidio reservation after 31 July 1949. Calls on the reservation will be limited to emergencies only.

Foghorn Eight Years Old Today--But Still Vigorous

With this issue the FOGHORN completes eight years of service to the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital and in keeping with custom we break down to tell our readers something about the people who manage to get the paper to the printer each week.



The Old Editor

The Old Editor has been around here for a long time and there is little to tell about him since such a recital would be nothing more than twice told tales. In recent months he has developed an allergy frequently found in a man of his years. The thought of green pastures and a small white ball, elusive at times, brought about the allergy to work and he decided he had enough.

Looking back over the eight years during which he has kept his blue pencil alternately sharpened and dull he recalls that getting out the paper has been an avocation and just as much fun as any hobby. He has enjoyed the whole hearted cooperation of the long list of staff members and, unlike the average editor, he has never had to "fire" anyone. A prerogative he gladly passed up.

With the next issue of the FOGHORN the New Editor will assume direction of the task of getting enough "copy" to fill eight pages. And the New Editor is Major Laura M. St. Clair, who recently joined station here.

The major joined the army by way of the WAAC in 1942 and remained on active duty until 1946. With the organization of the WAC as a part of the Regular Army Major St. Clair was commissioned on 27 January 1947 and ultimately reached Letterman.

She was born in Pennsylvania but calls Florida her home state these days. And checking up on her PCS —a cadet term for "Previous Condition of Servitude"—we find she has been mostly "Schoolma'am" but strictly topflight in that profession. Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree of Bachelor of Science, she taught school for a while and then went to Columbia for her Master's degree. With the new sheepskin she signed up as instructor at the University of Miami for a term of four years. A fellowship at the University of Chicago preceded her enlistment in the WAAC.



The New Editor

Unless some changes are made—not unknown in the army procedure —Major St. Clair, in addition to her other duties, will be the Public Information Officer, the Director of Convalescent Services, and editor of the FOGHORN.

During the past year one of these euphemisms known as "budgetary limitations" resulted in the resignation of Mrs. Mary V. McFadden, who had been the assistant editor for more than three years. In that time Mary had grown to like Letterman and managed to be retained here in another capacity.

Just about that time the folks up in the Classification section were looking over the records of newly arrived recruits and discovered a real newspaper man in the batch. In fact he had never worked at anything else from the day he finished school until "Uncle" sent him the traditional "Greetings." He was one of the few caught in the post war draft but he made an excellent adjustment and is right at home in the uniform of a soldier.

Mr. Jack Lewyn became "Recruit Lewyn" and a member of our staff. It was a novelty having a real newspaper man working for us tho we tried not to evidence any awe of a professional. He was named "Assistant Editor" off the record just to keep him from brooding on being a "recruit" than which nothing is lower in the opinion of an old soldier. Since he joined us he has been upped to "Private" and may speak without being spoken to on limited occasions.

Like a real journalist Jack always has a piece of paper and a pencil in his pocket. He is fairly prompt in covering assignments and making "notes" but slows down a bit in getting his finished "copy" to the "desk." Long experience has taught him how to crowd a "deadline" without missing it and we can assure the New Editor he is dependable. It took us some time to arrive at that conclusion but we stand by it.

Joining us in January 1946—and still with us—is our "Copy Queen" Mrs. Rebecca Garcia. Hers is the



Assistant Editor

job of putting the copy in final shape for the printer and when it emerges from her typewriter it is really a typesetter's dream. And it appears as if she just revels in "deadlines" as about that time she really goes into action. Smoke emanating from the Sanctum is not an indication of fire-just "Becky" pounding Jack's last copy into form.

Becky is civil service not military and as such is limited to 40 hours work each week. Regulations are very strict for civil service employees and they must not be worked over time save in emergencies. Becky may be depended upon to give the 40 hours of work up to the minute and it is not unknown to have her volunteer on special occasion to help the staff complete the issue current. Do not look for her at the front door at 4:25—she just ain't there.

There is an old Chinese proverb about one picture being worth 1000 words and it has some basis in truth. Pictures are an important part of the FOGHORN and we are grateful for the co-operation of Master Sergeant Harold E. Dixon and Mr. Marshall Douglas, of the Letterman Photo Lab, for their part in making each issue so interesting to our readers.

"Dick" or "Doug" respond like firemen to an alarm when a picture is needed "but now." Their work is their hobby and good pictures really mean something to them—so they turn out nothing but good pics. They have a valiant aide in Pvt. Henry Anderson, a recent Benedick, and temporarily detached from reality but he will come down from the clouds one of these days and the Photo Lab team be better than "par" on the job.

During its long life the FOGHORN has enjoyed the support and encouragement of our commanding generals. It was Brigadier General Wallace De Witt who gave the "Go" sign for the project and still retains his interest tho long retired. His successor, the late Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, himself an editor of repute, looked us over with a



Copy Queen

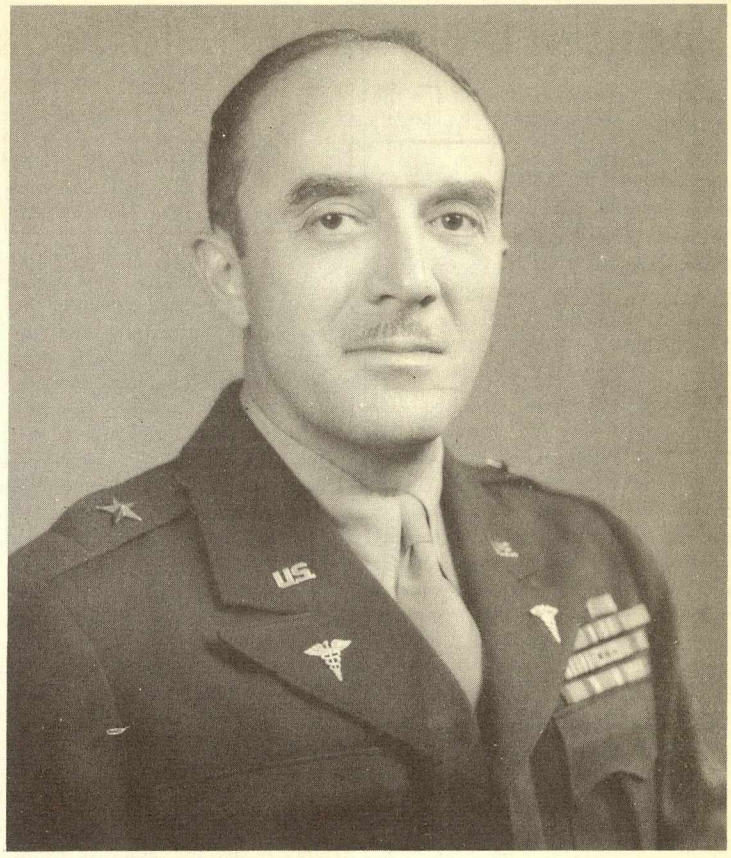
friendly eye during his administration. When one of "Letterman's Own"—Brigadier General C. C. Hillman—assumed command we still had a friend at court and the paper flourished.

Peace was in the making when Brigadier General Dean F. Winn took over in 1946 and for the fol-

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Major General RAYMOND L. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army



Major General GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
Deputy Surgeon General of the Army

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

29 July 1949

My hearty congratulations on the eighth birthday of the "FOG HORN". This hospital paper has always reflected credit on itself and the entire Medical Department. Its remarkable success has been due to the leadership of one man. This officer, who is not in the Medical Department, has spent a large part of his selfless career in intimate association with Medical Department activities. This will be the last birthday of the Fog Horn with Colonel (Chaplain) Thomas L. McKenna as its mentor. We send our particular salutations of regard and respect to our beloved Medical Department chaplain on this occasion.

R. W. Bliss
Major General
The Surgeon General

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IN REPLY REFER TO

29 July 1949

It has come to my attention that the "Fog Horn" with this issue will celebrate its Eighth Anniversary. On this auspicious occasion it is my pleasure and privilege to congratulate the Editor and those associated with him who have borne the responsibility and the work entailed.

I consider the "Fog Horn" one of the outstanding service publications and I am sure that its good effect on the morale of patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital will continue for many years.

May the years to come be as successful as have the past eight.

George E. Armstrong
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Major General, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

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Chaplain (Colonel)
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EDITORIAL

EIGHT YEARS OLD

The FOGHORN is eight years old today.

Born as World War II loomed dark on the horizon it survived the shooting war and the casualties of peace time disintegration to lead a stable existence in our service.

The editor who was present at its conception, assisted at its birth, guided it through infancy, and brought it to the present sturdy age still wields the blue pencil emblematic of the office.

It is believed the FOGHORN is unique in having but one editor during all its editorial existence.

But time takes its toll—even the editors—and with the completion of this issue the old editor lays down the blue pencil. From afar with friendly eyes he will watch the paper as it continues its useful life for the patients and personnel of Letterman.

Ave atque Vale.

More About TRANSFERS

liam B. Lewis, Jr., Maj. Lewis A. Smith, Capt. Richard L. Sedlacek, Capt. Francis X. Weizel, Capt. Ralph N. Kraus, Capt. Delbert W. Hess Capt. Edward J. Kellar, Capt. William E. Purvis, Capt. John H. Bickerton, Jr., 1st Lt. James A. Bulen, 1st Lt. Brian P. Flannagan, 1st Lt. Frederick R. Hook Jr., 1st Lt. Joseph Levitt. **Student Detachment:** (Dental Corps) 1st Lt. Robert J. Krenz, 1st Lt. Simon N. Nord, Jr. Paterson, New Jersey, and Lieut. Kauffman, to Pennsylvania. They met in New Jersey and returned to California together in Capt. Bean's convertible—and an always dreaded accident happened. In the middle of the salt flats—a tire flat.



A cocktail party, a combination welcome-farewell affair for nurses departing and those arriving here, was held between 1600 and 1800 Friday, 29 July, in the living room of the nurses quarters. Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, the commanding general, was present.

New arrivals to the nurse corps at Letterman this week include First Lieutenant **Maude D. Williams,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Julia E. Lavin,** ANC.

Two members of the ANC transferred this week from AUS to Regular Army. They were First Lieutenant **Gloria E. Saffield,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Margaret E. Knox,** ANC.

First Lieutenant **Maeceille B. Pless,** ANC, left Letterman this week on transfer to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

First Lieutenant **Mary L. Pacific,** ward nurse on Ward H-1, is a patient on ward G-1. She was admitted to the hospital 30 July.

Five members of the ANC have taken or will take leaves this week and next.

Major **Althea V. Buckins,** ANC, leaves today for 30 days leave to Chicago; Captain **Mary A. Ward** will leave Sunday on 15 days leave; Captain **Angela P. Poranski** will take 21 days leave, beginning Sunday.

Captain **Alma Frey, ANC,** and Second Lieutenant **Clara Peckens,** ANC, began leaves Friday. Capt. Frey took seven days, and Lieut. Peckens took ten days.

Captain **Lois H. Alfred,** ANC; Captain **Marjorie V. Bean,** ANC, and First Lieutenant **Mildred B. Kauffman,** ANC, returned together from leaves in the East. Capt. Alfred went to New York, Capt. Bean, to

WAC

The WAC section is planning a journey to Mill Valley for a housewarming party at Nancy Banvard's bright little cottage. The former Sergeant was stationed with the detachment here before her discharge a few weeks ago, when she "retired" to Mill Valley.

Private First Class Pat Leedham, whose rating was twice listed as "private" while actually is a Pfc., is a patient in the hospital.

Back on duty after a 10-day leave is Sergeant Jane Jones Woodbury. Sgt. Woodbury, nee Jones, was married to Sergeant Lloyd Woodbury of the medical detachment 21 July. She had planned a 30-day leave.

When the 2209th Hospital Squadron was activated last week, only one member of the WAC detachment was, in effect, transferred. She is Private First Class Harriet B. Klein.

Private First Class Marjorie Hurst is hospitalized after an operation to remove the remaining bits of Camp Lee landscape from her knee.

Three-day passes were taken by three members of the detachment.

During the time of her pass Private Lilly Roberts visited in Los Angeles; Sergeant First Class Margaret Drescher and Sergeant Mary J. Fulham remained in San Francisco.

Private Barbara F. Lee, WAC of the Week elsewhere in this issue, is assigned to Classification and Assignment but has been working at the Pre-Natal Clinic this week.

Reception

The Letterman Officers Club will be host at a reception to the new class of interns and residents and their wives to be held on Sunday, 7 August, from 1600 to 1800 at the club. The Receiving Line will meet the guests from 1600 to 1700.

For the convenience of the officers and their families, the Post Nursery at Bldg. 569, will be open from 1600 to 1800 to care for children during the reception.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 7 August, 1949

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—
Mass daily at 0730
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Protestant Services—
Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—
Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:
Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Two Stars

Major General George E. Armstrong, the Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, is really a "Two Star" general although the photo on page 3 shows only one star.

Since his recent elevation to the exalted grade General Armstrong has been too busy to pose for a new photograph so we had to fall back on what we had in the files.

Softball

Letterman's softball team clipped Fort Ord, 5-2, last Monday in its first contest in the North Division tournament playoffs of the Sixth Army area at Camp Stoneman. Sergeant First Class Joe Surowicz pitched for Letterman. The team played again last Wednesday.

Others on the squad are Master Sergeant Charles A. Doze, Master Sergeant Warren J. McBride, Master Sergeant Howard D. Walker, Corporal Nobert J. Opity, Private First Class Joseph H. Barnicle, Private First Class William M. Colson, Private Gene L. DeCondo, and Private William R. O'Donnell.

More About EIGHT YEARS

lowing two years he was generous in his attitude toward the paper, and last year with the assumption of command by the present commanding general, Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, we met up again with an old Lettermanite, a long time reader of the FOGHORN, who has always held us in high esteem, but who "wishes to high Heaven" we would keep him off the front page.

The FOGHORN has a place in the lives of our Letterman people and under the new editor should continue to fill that place to the satisfaction of the commanding general and his staff.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BARBARA F. LEE
Private

When Private Barbara F. Lee was assigned to Letterman last week, she came home to San Francisco.

Her family, she says, lives "just over the hill" from the Presidio, on Twenty-third Avenue.

She is the latest WAC to arrive for assignment to the detachment here, and this interview represents a sort of turnabout. Pvt. Lee had asked the questions rather than answered them when she was a reporter on the Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, post newspaper, the Message-Signaleer.

She was transferred to Letterman from Fort Monmouth, where she also worked for the Chief of Personnel in another phase of a double duty.

Pvt. Lee enlisted in the WAC in November, 1948, and took basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia. She completed Supply School at Camp Lee, and then was assigned to Fort Monmouth.

She enlisted originally for two years, but has since extended her term of service to three years.

A graduate of Drew School in San Francisco. She took nurses' training at St. Vincent's Nursing School, Portland, Oregon, as a Cadet Nurse, and later went to Alaska for a six-months visit.

When she returned to California, she studied at a summer session of the University of California before enlisting.

Her pastimes cover a variety of interests, including golf, swimming, tennis, music, books, others.

Pvt. Lee is a native of San Francisco. And when she goes "over the hill," like most journeys in the City of St. Francis, it has nothing to do with her going AWOL as per the popular term.

She says she likes newspaper work, so the tables turn.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Chess playing patients from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital edged Letterman Chess Club strategists, 28-24, in a series of matches here recently.

Three matches were played at the recreation center, and 10 others were set on various wards to accommodate bed patients. Each pair of contestants played two games, receiving two points for a win and one for a draw. Rivalry was keen, and the deciding match was a four-hours-long affair.

Present plans call for establishing the contests at a monthly affair, with the Army and Navy visiting each other alternately.

Participating in the recent contest for Letterman were Sergeant First Class **Myron Rose,** medical detachment, and Corporal **Preston Dixon,** Medical detach; Captain **Eugene Callaghan,** ward B-1; Sergeant **Morris Cook,** ward C-2; Captain **Jans A. Kremple,** ward L-1; First Lieutenant **Chester Chester,** ward D-2; Captain **William Miller,** ward D-2; **William Lee,** veteran, ward F-1; Captain **Gerald Moultrie,** ward D-2; and Captain **William Johnson,** ward B-1.

Private First Class **Dean Heckert,** ward C-2, defaulted in his match. Major **William T. Bowman,** ward L-1,and First Lieutenant **Frank L. Cord,** ward D-2, who also participated have since been discharged from the hospital and rejoined their units for duty.

Little **David Edgmon,** patient on ward D-1, invaded the rec hall during coffee time twice this week to "outwit" KLGH quizmasters on USAFI's Quiz Show and leave with lucky bucks.

At first he was cagy about being interviewed, but finally answered a real tough question, "Who comes down the chimney on December 25th?"

The list of other winners includes Recruit **Joseph A. Brewer,** ward 2; Private **Doyle D. Davis,** ward 40; Recruit **Milton D. Robnett,** ward 30; Private First Class **Richard Bernhard,** ward 40; Private **Homer G. Bankhead,** ward M-2; **N. S. Himble,** veteran, ward 31, and Private **Cecil G. Rupright,** ward 2.

Sergeant **Francis D. Barber,** patient on ward D-1, was elected vice president of the Angler's Club at a session recently. Named president of the organization was Master Sergeant **Cyrus Hicks** of Physical Reconditioning.

William G. McAllister, veteran, ward 29, is the member who has landed the top entry so far in the club's fishing derby under the classification, "largest edible fish" other than salmon.

McAllister caught his entry in an outing last week. The Angler's went on another expedition last Wednesday.

The derby will end sometime in October.

Now a patient on ward 43 is Private First Class **Bernard D. Matteson,** member of the detachment, who was seen chatting with a pretty young lady the other day. The one from home.

Andy Kirkman, a former patient on ward D-2, stopped by on a visit from Oceanside, California, to pay his best "hello." For what's new in the haberdashery line, ask Andy. That's his business.

Back from a 30-day leave is First Lieutenant **Rudolph Davila,** ward D-2. When he returned he was wearing a snappy custom made suit, and his appearance indicates that Los Angeles is a good place for a vacation.

First Lieutenant **Elwood C. Nelson,** ward D-2, is a prolific reader, if his large collection of magazines is any indication.

Busy taking end-of-course tests toward a diploma is Private **Richard D. Friel,** ward M-2, who will change stations shortly.

Fate apparently patterned the same design at least for a brief span in the lives of two master sergeants, patients on ward C-1.

Master Sergeant **Bird Grissom** and Master Sergeant **John Jarzaek** were both stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tuscon, Arizona, and had beds next to each other in quarters there. They became ill the same day three months ago, and were eventually transferred to Letterman together. Here, they had the same kind of operation and were confined to beds next to each other on C-1. Both are recovering rapidly and both expect to be discharged from the hospital soon.

ON THE SPOT



JOSE C. GALLEGOS
Corporal

When the 2209th Hospital Squadron of the U. S. Air Force was activated here last week, Private First Class Jose C. Gallegos was one of the members of the medical detachment transferred to it. And he now wears two stripes because the Army's Pfc., by virtue of different systems, is equivalent in pay to the Air Force corporal.

Cpl. Gallegos is a mail clerk at Letterman station postoffice, and he can be seen daily toting letters and packages along the ramps.

He transferred to his present duties 15 June from Outpatient Service, where he was a clerk-typist.

Cpl. Gallegos enlisted in the army a year ago—9 August 1948— at Albequerque, New Mexico. He enlisted for two years, and went to Fort Ord, California, for basic training. After basic, he was sent to clerk-typist school at Camp Lee, Virginia, and then came to Letterman.

He attended Antonito High School in his hometown of Antonito, Colorado, and when this hitch is up, he plans to reenter school. He is interested in accounting, and hopes to study at Spanish-American Normal School, El Tito, New Mexico.

In high school he played basketball, football and softball, but his main athletic activities now include swimming and riding the surfboard. Surfboard riding is a "lot of fun," he says.

One of his other ambitions, he adds, is to go to South America. Pfc. Gallegos reads, writes and speaks Spanish fluently.

With the activation of the new squadron, the term, "flyboy," has become prevalent on the post, and Jose's buddies have dubbed him with same.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By REBECCA GARCIA

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic and her twin sister, **Gracie,** left recently on a vacation of three weeks. Destination: Unknown. At least, they "ain't talkin' ".

On Sunday **Jeanne Struck** of the Sick & Wounded office attended a luncheon given by the Horsemen's Club at the beautiful Rancho Rafael in Marin County while **Lillian Taylor** of Registrar's office and her daughter **Leslie** enjoyed the ballet performance at Sigmund Stern Grove in San Francisco.

Evelynne Hodgins of Civilian Payroll Section visited in Sonoma this weekend as did **Mary McFadden** of Out Patient Service.

Hilda Mansfield, energetic as ever, can be found behind the counter at the Car Stop PX Fountain. "They can't keep me away," she states.

Connie Price of the Western Union office and her husband, **Charles,** recently acquired a new home and Connie is enthusiastically engaged in selecting furniture for her home. She says there is only one drawback—she has to get up much earlier in order to get to work on time.

Birthday greetings go to **Mary Reinert** of Civilian Personnel who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday of this week.

Eileen Horve has transferred from the Navy to the Army as she takes up duties in the Morning Report section of Detachment of Patients. She formerly worked at Treasure Island. **Helen Cohen,** the newest member of the Sick & Wounded office, comes to us from San Francisco State College.

Mary Lerner of the Dental Clinic returned to work this week after a vacation spent at Lake Tahoe while **Margaret Finnigan** of the Hospital Train Unit is spending her vacation at home learning to bake cakes.

"Ace" Guth has been discharged from the hospital and is now recuperating at her home.

PIO

Major Laura M. St. Clair WAC (MSC) has been designated as Public Information Officer for the command in place of Colonel James B. Stapleton.

'ANYTHING CONCERNING MEDICINE' INTERESTS LABORATORY TECHNICIAN



Mrs. JANE R. DANDRIDGE
A Supervisor in Hematology, Clinical Lab

Mrs. Jane R. Dandridge, a supervisor in hematology in Letterman's clinical laboratory, came to California two years ago, and now, she says she is a "confirmed Californian."

She has been working in the laboratory since June, 1947, when she came to San Francisco from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A registered medical technician, she is especially interested in anything concerning medicine and she finds her work "very interesting."

The daughter of an Ada, Oklahoma, doctor, Mrs. Dandridge has been in laboratory work since September, 1941.

She was graduated from Texas State College for Women at Denton, Texas, with a Bachelor of Science degree, and interned in her line of work at University Hospital in Oklahoma City.

After completing her internship, she worked at the hospital for a year and later was employed by two commercial laboratories, both in Oklahoma City, before leaving the Midwest for the West Coast and San Francisco.

The influence of the medical profession always has prevailed in Mrs. Dandridge's family.

Besides her father, Dr. J. A. Rutledge, now deceased, she has a brother in the Army Medical Corps —Captain B. A. Rutledge, MC, who is now stationed at Stutgaart, Germany.

Capt. Rutledge was stationed at Letterman and assigned to orthopedic service for two years before transferring in December, 1947.

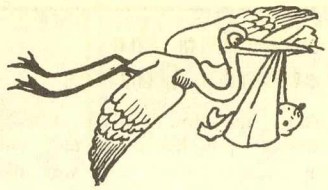
Mrs. Dandridge resides in San Francisco, and she has a nine-year-old son, James, who commands most of her time.

She has acquired, incidentally, a new convertible, and is quite proud of same.

Gone Fishin'

Colonel James B. Stapleton, Executive Officer, has taken a leave of absence for one week to go fishing.

Holding down his desk is Lt. Colonel James N. Mackin, acting "Exec" but normally the Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients.



23 July

To Capt. and Mrs. Albert V. Toney, a boy, **Steven Voley.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Eugene E. Sampson, a boy, **Edward Eugene.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Troy T. McKenzie, a boy, **Thomas Wayne.**

To Sgt. and Mrs. Donald W. Penman, Sr., a boy, **Donald William.**

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John V. Mackie, a boy, **Duncan Victor.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles W. Stephens, a boy, **Michael.**

24 July

To Pvt. and Mrs. Norman A. Graves, a girl, **Belinda Ann.**

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Norman J. Kladky, a boy, **William Patrick.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard J. Woodfin, Sr., a boy, **Bernard Joe.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Robert M. Alexander, a girl, **Linda Lea.**

To Major and Mrs. Robert M. Clark, a boy, **John Miller.**

To Pfc. and Mrs. Wilfred D. Crum, a girl, **Carol Ann.**

25 July

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, a boy, **Michael Roy.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Porter, Sr., a girl, **Mary Lee.**

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Rufus F. Weathers, a girl, **Jackie Louise.**

To Sgt. 1/cl and Mrs. Herbert R. Sanders, a boy, **Stephen Leopard.**

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert B. Medley, a girl, **Virginia.**

26 July

To Cpl. and Mrs. Wilmot J. Millham, a boy, **Craig Jay.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles G. Wilson, a boy, **David Charles.**

To Cpl. and Mrs. Richard J. Chirello, a boy, **Ronald Richard.**

27 July

To Sgt. and Mrs. Jacque J. Jones, a girl, **Kathy Jean.**

It's a Boy

For Captain and Mrs. Anthony C. Mastrolia this week as William Francis checks in at seven and three quarters pounds.

The captain is the assistant to the Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, and this is the second son born in the family since he joined station here.

Summer is marked for national holiday celebrations. Great Britain, Sweden and Iceland hold fetes in June; U. S. and France in July.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Four specific benefits become available upon the death of a veteran of any war, who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Veterans Administration is authorized to pay up to $150 for funeral and burial expenses of a war veteran, provide an American flag for burial purposes, arrange for interment in a national cemetery and provide a grave marker.

Applications for any one of the four benefits may be obtained from any VA office, from Service organizations and chapters of the American Red Cross.

Trailers and houseboats do not qualify as homes under the loan guaranty provisions of the G-I Bill, Veterans Administration reports.

However, G-I loans may be negotiated for trailers and houseboats if used for legitimate business purposes.

Question: My brother, a World War II veteran, has been totally disabled. If VA has adequate proof of total disability, will he have to file additional proof or are the requirements met by the filing of a claim for waiver of NSLI premiums?

Answer: If Veterans Administration has adequate proof of total disability in its possession, the requirements are met by the timely filing of a claim for waiver of NSLI premiums.

Question: My father, a World War II veteran, names me as an heir in his will. May I file a claim for waiver of his NSLI premiums because of his total disability?

Answer: Such a claim may be filed by the next of kin, or any person interested as an heir in the estate.

Question. How much can I borrow to come within the provisions of the G-I Bill?

Answer: The law sets no limit on the amount borrowed. The limit is on the amount of guaranty. You may borrow any amount that the lender is willing to let you have, but the maximum VA guaranty is $4,000 on a home or real estate loan or $2,000 on a business loan.

Question: I am a veteran of World War II and would like to buy a home. Where do I go to get a guaranteed home loan?

Answer: You must find a bank, savings and loan association or other private lender willing to make the loan.

LETTERMAN STAFF ROSTER AGAIN INCLUDES NAME OF DELL GRAY



Capt. DELL M. GRAY, MC
On Year's Residency With Medical Service

The name of Dell Gray, with variations, again appears on the staff roster of Letterman, showing that another son has followed in the footsteps of a distinguished father.

When Captain Dell M. Gray, MC, joined the staff 1 July as assistant resident with Medical Service, he returned to the post where his father, Colonel Dell S. Gray, DC, had been Chief of Dental Service.

Col. Gray, who retired recently, was dental service chief here for four years, from 1939 through 1943.

His retirement at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, ended a 34-year career in Army service.

Capt. Gray transferred to Letterman from Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he had been assigned to the station hospital for two years.

During his father's assignment at Letterman, Capt. Gray, then a student at Stanford University, became well acquainted with the post.

And, he says, "I am delighted to be back. It is a pleasure to associate with such good doctors and consulting staffs."

Capt. Gray received his BA degree from Stanford and studied medicine at the University of Rochester Medical School in New York under the ASTP program.

He interned at Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, and then entered the Army as a first lieutenant. He also attended the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Capt. Gray is now a Regular Army officer.

Capt. and Mrs. Gray and their three children live in Marin County. His pastime interests are hunting and fishing, which he likes "very much."

The Grays were married in June, 1943, in the Presidio Post chapel, with Chaplain (Colonel) Thomas L. McKenna officiating.

Five toes is SOP for animals. Any other arrangement: one toe (horse), two toes (cows) or four toes (hippopotamus) are modifications of time.

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant First Class **Chester C. Moore** re-enlisted last week to fill his own vacancy, He re-upped for an indefinite period of time, and is now enjoying a 30 day furlough in Elmira, New York. Also re-enlisting last week to fill his own vacancy was Sergeant First Class **Bill J. Tucker,** now on 30 days re-enlistment furlough in Lake City, Arkansas. Sergeant **Marion C. Curtis** re-enlisted for a period of three years to fill his own vacancy.

Members of the Medical Detachment on furlough this week include Master Sergeant **Vaughen G. Yoeman,** Private First Class **Samuel A. Carpenter,** Corporal **Samuel D. Foster.** Master Sergeant **Earl A. Wengert,** and Private **Harry Hibbs.**

Sergeant **James O. T. Hewlett** left this week on a ten day emergency furlough.

Transferred to Camp Stoneman for shipment overseas were Sergeant First Class **Myron F. Rose,** Sergeant **Myron N. Coleman,** and Private First Class **Calvin C. Moore.**

Private First Class **Frankie R. Bell,** was transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, to await overseas shipment.

Four men were alerted for overseas shipment in September.

Sergeant First Class **William H. Livingston** was alerted for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Alerted for Camp Stoneman, and shipment to the Pacific, were Master Sergeant **Paul R. Hanusiak,** Sergeant First Class **Lee R. White** and Sergeant, **William T. Morris, Jr.**

Corporal **Charles A. Wagner** and Sergeant **Levert Bolton** were recently alerted for shipment to Camp Stoneman sometime in October. Also leaving in October, but heading for Camp Kilmer, will be Sergeant **Sylvester S. Szymanski.**

Glee Club Practice

Practice sessions for the newly organized Letterman Glee Club will begin next Tuesday, 9 August, at Building 1106, East Hospital, and will be held two hours weekly thereafter, Sergeant First Class Guy Shortz, Troop I. & E. music instructor, announced. Forty-five members have signed for the glee club and five more are needed.

Staff Old Timers Who Helped the Foghorn Live So Long



Rosco J. Willey

Was the first assistant editor and of great help in working out the format for the paper. He reached the grade of Master Sergeant prior to his separation form the service at the end of hostilities and is now a resident of the Golden State.



Elizabeth E. Reese

Was the first WAC officer to be assigned to Letterman and designated Public Relations Officer. In addition to her other duties she was assistant editor, staff artist, and writer for the paper. Her untimely death a few months ago was a source of sorrow to all who remember her.



Gladys L. Haller

Came to Letterman from Lawson General Hospital as assistant PRO and was known as "Happy" to all and sundry. She brought a fresh viewpoint to the paper and stayed with us till the shooting stopped. Later completed her work for a degree at Stanford and was working on television at last reports.



Kay Hardy

Left Hollywood to join the staff of our paper and did yeoman work while with us. She was here when the repatriated prisoners returned and lent a professional touch to press relations during that period. Active at present in the Cause for the Beatification of Junipero Serra and living in Santa Barbara.



Helen D. Wilson

As a WAC sergeant was one of our more personable "Copy Queens" and remained until the war was over. Her love for L. A. persisted despite her S. F. sojourn and she is back there now as executive secretary in the office of a prominent law firm.



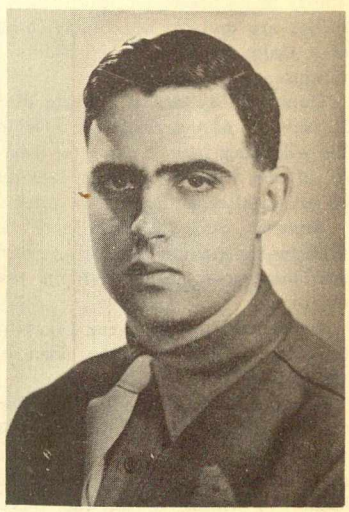
Lois E. Williams

Turned out to be half of the only romance ever budding in our Sanctum which culminated in our losing one of the best "Copy Queens" we ever had. As Mrs. Rosco J. Willey—with two children—her present mailing address is Gridley, Calif.



James L. Gleeson

Came to us as a private, added to his stature while with our paper, and emerged from the wars with the rank of First Lieutenant and plenty of combat experience. He is a Captain in the Reserve Corps and sells insurance in and about Lodi, Calif.



Patrick J. Sullivan

Holds the all time record as the "Man of All Work" on the FOG-HORN. Nothing was too much for him; wrote "copy," looked after circulation, and was an excellent janitor. Did everything but watch the clock. At the moment studying law at USF.